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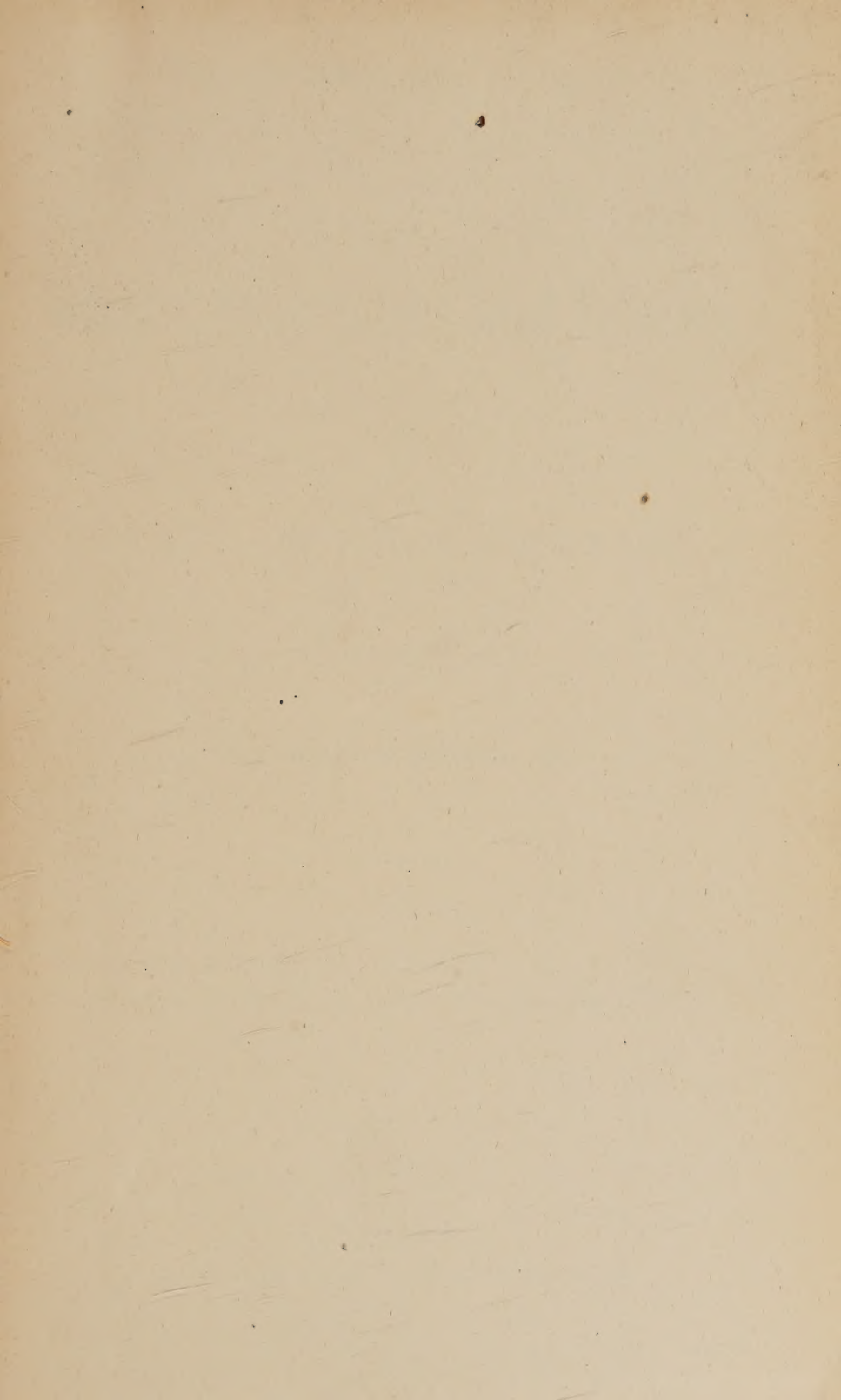
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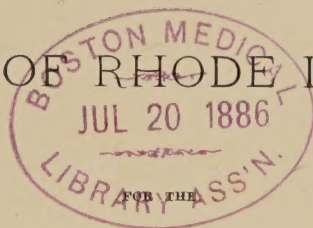
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UPON THE

Births, Marriages and Deaths,

IN THE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

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PROVIDENCE, December, 1885.

To the Honorable the General Assembly :

The Thirty-Second Annual Report upon the Births, Marriages and Deaths in Rhode Island, is herewith respectfully submitted. The statistics presented are for the year ending December 31, 1884.

The usual Tables given in the Reports of previous years are included, with additional items, summaries and diagrams, as occasion required in further elucidation of some point or subject considered, or in illustration of facts presented, or statements made.

That the returns of deaths in the different towns of the State have acquired more completeness in the statement of all facts relating to the deaths, as required by law, may be shown by referring to the number of deaths returned with "CAUSE unknown." In 1884 the number of deaths returned with cause unknown was 42. The smallest previous number on record was 186, in 1883. All other facts have had more completeness than that of cause, indeed all others have had almost absolutely full returns.

It may, therefore, be repeated that there is a steady improvement in a large majority of the towns in the promptness and completeness of the returns of death, and in the collection of the returns of births.

A considerable number of towns have passed ordinances requiring the observance of the Statute in relation to making a return to the town clerks, of every death, *before the burial or removal* from the town of the body of the decedent, with a *specific minimum penalty for violation* of the same.

The following draft of an ordinance, continued from previous reports, has been furnished to several towns, and which may be adopted by other towns, or at least serve to suggest other forms which may seem to more fully accomplish the desired purposes :

"It is ordained by the town council of the town of _____ as follows :

SECTION 1. Whenever any death shall occur in the town of _____ it shall be the duty of the *undertaker*, or the *person who has charge* of the burial or removal of the body of the decedent, to obtain, BEFORE BURIAL OR REMOVAL of same, the physician's certificate (if a physician was in attendance) of the name,

date and *cause* of death ; and said physician shall exercise due courtesy and diligence in furnishing said certificate ; and if no physician was in attendance, or could be reached only with difficulty, then to obtain from such sources as shall seem most reliable the cause of death, and with the same all the facts required by law in the Public Statutes (Chapter 85, Section 3), as shown in the blank returns of death, and make or present the said returns to the town clerk of the said town.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the town clerk, upon the presentation of a return of death in accordance with law, and to his satisfaction, to issue to said undertaker or other person a permit or certificate of permission to bury, entomb, or remove the body of said deceased person without the limits of the town."

SEC. 3. Any person engaged or concerned in the burial, entombment or removal from the town of the body of a deceased person without a permit, or *knowingly* violating any of the provisions of the preceding section, shall be fined not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall go into effect on the first day of 188 ."

The State Registrar will furnish large posters containing the above with notice, to any town adopting the ordinance, so that the provisions of the ordinance may be known to all the citizens of the town.

Respectfully,

CHAS. H. FISHER,

State Registrar.

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REPORT UPON THE REGISTRATION
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN
RHODE ISLAND,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.
AND
FOR VARIOUS PERIODS FROM 1853 TO 1884 INCLUSIVE.

TABLE 1.
GENERAL ABSTRACT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DURING THE YEAR
1884.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Population, 1885.	BIRTHS, 1884.						MARRIAGES, 1884.						DEATHS, 1884.											
		Whole Number.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.				Whole Number.	NATIVITY.			SEX.	PARENTAGE.		AGES GIVEN.		Aggregate Age in yrs.		Average Age in years.		Aggregate Age in years of all.	Average Age in years of all.		
					American.	Foreign.	Am. Groom.	For. Groom.		Am. Bride.	For. Bride.														
												Males.		Females.	American.									Foreign.	
			Am. Father.	For. Father.	Foreign.	Am. Mother.	For. Mother.	Am. Groom.		For. Groom.	Am. Bride.					For. Bride.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.				Females.
Barrington.....	1,394	20	12	8	12	5	1	2	7	1	2	1	16	10	6	12	4	10	6	511	191	51.10	31.83	702	43.87
Bristol.....	5,737	131	69	62	59	49	12	11	33	20	7	4	113	56	57	75	38	56	57	1,779	2,709	31.60	47.52	4,478	39.56
Warren.....	4,205	108	52	56	43	48	11	6	35	18	11	3	72	31	41	28	44	31	41	950	1,430	30.64	35.00	2,380	33.05
Bristol County.....	11,336	259	133	126	114	102	24	19	79	45	19	9	201	97	104	115	86	97	104	3,240	4,330	33.40	42.02	7,560	37.62
Coventry.....	4,810	95	46	49	41	43	6	5	19	15	1	2	82	39	43	69	13	36	42	1,383	1,977	38.70	46.00	3,360	41.80
East Greenwich.....	2,658	56	23	33	32	15	5	4	29	15	6	4	39	21	18	27	12	21	16	826	497	39.33	31.08	1,323	36.03
W. st Greenwich.....	863	18	11	7	14	3	1	4	4	4	4	.....	18	8	10	18	.....	64	71	2,569	2,612	33.75	31.30	744	41.33
Warwick.....	13,284	335	186	149	118	163	17	37	108	58	31	5	136	65	71	81	55	84	71	2,569	3,512	39.52	35.35	5,081	37.36
Kent County.....	21,615	504	266	238	205	224	28	47	160	92	38	11	275	133	142	195	80	129	139	5,209	5,299	40.38	38.12	10,508	39.21
Jamestown.....	486	10	6	4	10	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	10	7	3	9	1	7	3	358	77	51.14	25.33	485	43.50
Little Compton.....	1,057	9	4	5	7	.....	2	.....	11	10	.....	1	16	3	13	15	1	3	13	154	753	51.33	58.00	907	56.68
Middletown.....	1,166	33	18	15	28	4	.....	1	2	2	.....	.....	14	6	8	13	1	6	8	341	296	56.83	37.00	637	45.50
New Shoreham.....	1,267	31	14	17	30	.....	1	.....	12	12	.....	.....	21	14	7	21	.....	14	7	593	273	42.35	39.00	866	41.23
Portsmouth.....	2,003	29	16	13	17	8	1	3	5	4	.....	.....	29	19	10	23	6	19	10	1,131	693	59.52	59.30	1,724	59.44
Tiverton.....	2,702	53	26	27	28	19	4	2	23	23	.....	.....	44	20	24	28	16	20	24	727	1,202	36.35	50.08	1,929	43.84
TOWNS, NEWPORT CO.	8,681	165	84	81	120	31	8	6	54	52	.....	1	134	69	65	109	25	69	65	3,304	3,904	47.88	49.30	6,498	48.50
NEWPORT CITY.....	19,552	570	270	300	229	240	57	44	134	78	34	11	274	114	160	114	160	114	160	3,504	4,600	30.73	40.00	9,904	37.24

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	BIRTHS, 1884.										MARRIAGES, 1884.										DEATHS, 1884.										Average Age in years of all.
	Population, 1885.	SEX.	PARENTAGE.		NATIVITY.	Whole Number.	PARENTAGE.		SEX.	Whole Number.	SEX.	PARENTAGE.		Ages Given.	Aggregate Age in yrs.		Average Age in years.														
			Males.	Females.			American.	Foreign.				Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.															
																		Am. Father.	For. Father.	Am. Mother.	For. Mother.	Am. Groom.	For. Groom.	Am. Bride.	For. Bride.						
Burrillville.....	5,124	115	60	55	33	50	12	20	20	13	2	23	13	2	2	2	85	40	45	34	51	40	45	1,464	1,612	36.60	35.82	3,076	36.20		
Cranston.....	6,109	184	72	62	74	43	9	8	8	19	1	13	3	1	2	2	109	57	52	62	47	56	50	2,280	1,879	40.71	37.58	4,159	39.23		
State Inst's, Cranston.....																	95	49	46	38	57	40	40	1,802	1,926	45.05	48.15	3,728	46.60		
Cumberland.....	7,167	174	90	84	52	69	10	23	10	62	9	21	22	10	9	3	158	81	77	44	114	81	77	2,359	2,245	29.02	29.15	4,604	29.08		
East Providence.....	6,809	154	74	80	74	47	20	13	13	45	3	45	35	3	4	3	105	51	54	64	41	51	54	1,648	1,782	32.81	32.63	3,440	32.70		
Foster.....	1,397	17	11	6	16	14	1	1	1	13	13	13	13	1	1	1	24	18	6	24	24	18	6	1,093	921	60.72	46.82	1,374	57.25		
Gloucester.....	1,922	30	20	19	24	14	1	1	1	20	19	13	13	1	1	1	31	16	15	24	7	16	15	636	283	39.75	61.53	1,559	50.30		
Johnston.....	7,273	170	86	84	91	53	9	17	17	26	13	26	13	2	5	4	83	38	45	42	41	36	45	943	1,320	26.20	29.33	2,643	27.60		
Lincoln.....	17,269	401	196	205	96	249	25	31	31	160	48	74	26	12	12	12	233	134	149	50	233	130	148	2,904	3,944	22.34	26.64	6,848	24.63		
North Providence.....	1,478	24	15	9	13	8	3	6	6	22	6	12	3	3	1	1	16	5	11	9	7	5	11	196	473	39.20	43.00	669	41.81		
North Smithfield.....	3,068	74	37	27	38	3	3	6	2	33	3	15	21	15	3	1	36	15	21	15	21	15	21	384	863	25.60	40.14	1,227	34.08		
Pawtucket.....	22,894	557	290	267	224	208	66	59	59	197	95	55	24	23	23	1	353	174	179	130	223	172	178	1,075	1,479	29.70	34.10	11,177	31.93		
Scituate.....	3,607	69	30	39	54	11	3	1	1	47	43	2	1	1	1	1	58	24	34	56	2	24	34	1,123	1,479	46.00	43.50	2,602	44.86		
Smithfield.....	2,338	62	38	24	24	27	5	6	6	14	10	1	1	1	1	1	24	12	12	15	9	12	12	500	532	41.66	46.00	1,052	43.83		
Woonsocket.....	16,145	447	215	232	90	295	28	34	34	157	50	67	18	22	22	22	232	133	149	77	205	133	148	3,370	4,598	25.34	31.07	7,968	28.35		
PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	102,620	2,437	1,234	1,203	892	1,133	193	219	329	815	384	254	96	81	81	81	1,742	847	895	684	1,058	829	884	25,810	29,900	31.13	33.83	55,710	32.52		
PROVIDENCE CITY. . .	117,832	2,956	1,520	1,436	1,212	1,176	240	328	338	1,144	607	315	122	100	100	100	2,233	1,084	1,149	992	1,241	1,084	1,149	32,346	38,024	29.84	33.09	70,370	31.51		
Charlestown.....	1,042	25	16	9	18	4	1	2	2	12	12	12	12	1	1	1	16	9	7	16	16	9	7	367	167	40.78	23.86	534	33.37		
Exeter.....	1,083	20	9	11	20	1	1	1	1	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	18	13	5	18	13	5	7	688	231	52.92	48.00	919	51.05		
Hopkinton.....	2,796	52	25	27	45	1	3	3	3	29	25	2	2	1	1	1	24	8	16	23	1	8	16	530	648	66.25	40.50	1,178	49.08		
North Kingstown.....	3,869	80	36	44	60	9	5	6	6	34	34	26	44	6	6	6	50	24	26	44	6	24	26	1,075	1,277	44.79	49.11	2,352	47.05		
South Kingstown.....	5,516	73	39	34	59	8	4	2	2	10	10	8	8	2	2	2	52	21	31	44	8	21	31	1,074	1,605	51.14	51.77	2,679	51.52		
Richmond.....	1,744	27	12	15	17	7	4	2	2	39	38	3	3	1	1	1	16	9	7	12	4	9	7	341	170	37.88	24.18	511	32.00		
Westerly.....	6,314	137	69	68	73	52	4	8	8	48	42	42	42	3	2	1	106	58	48	73	33	58	47	2,092	1,544	36.07	32.85	3,636	34.63		
WASHINGTON CO.	22,364	414	206	208	292	81	17	24	24	172	152	8	7	5	5	5	232	142	140	230	52	142	139	6,167	5,572	43.43	40.08	11,739	42.13		
COUNTIES.																															
Bristol.....	11,336	259	133	126	114	102	24	19	19	79	45	19	9	9	6	6	201	97	104	115	86	97	104	3,240	4,330	33.40	42.02	7,560	37.62		
Kent.....	21,615	504	266	238	205	224	28	47	47	160	92	38	11	19	19	19	275	133	142	195	80	129	139	3,203	4,239	40.38	38.12	10,508	39.21		
Newport.....	38,233	735	354	381	349	271	65	50	50	188	130	34	12	12	12	12	408	183	225	209	139	163	225	6,068	7,604	37.20	42.68	16,412	40.22		
Providence.....	220,452	5,393	2,754	2,639	2,104	2,309	483	547	547	1,959	991	569	218	181	181	181	3,975	1,931	2,044	1,676	2,299	1,913	2,093	58,156	67,924	30.40	33.41	126,080	31.95		
Washington.....	22,364	414	206	208	292	81	17	24	24	172	152	8	7	5	5	5	232	142	140	230	52	142	139	6,167	5,572	43.43	40.08	11,749	42.13		
WHOLE STATE.....	304,040	7,305	3,713	3,592	3,064	2,987	567	687	687	2,558	1,410	668	257	223	223	223	5,141	2,486	2,655	2,485	2,656	2,464	2,640	79,580	92,729	32.29	35.12	172,309	33.70		

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, 1884.

Arranged by Months, Sexes and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Newport City.	Providence County.	Providence City.	Washington County.
January....	Males....	260	5	17	4	25	82	110	17
	Females..	302	14	9	6	30	99	125	19
	Total....	562	19	26	10	55	181	235	36
February...	Males....	274	10	23	7	22	88	106	18
	Females..	299	11	19	8	16	89	134	22
	Total....	573	21	42	15	38	177	240	40
March.....	Males....	324	16	24	7	21	103	138	15
	Females..	275	9	26	5	16	105	98	16
	Total....	599	25	50	12	37	208	236	31
April.....	Males....	283	12	17	5	17	97	117	18
	Females..	264	9	17	4	25	78	115	16
	Total....	547	21	34	9	42	175	232	34
May.....	Males....	291	11	21	7	22	93	118	19
	Females..	265	14	19	5	25	85	105	12
	Total....	556	25	40	12	47	178	223	31
June.....	Males....	351	9	26	11	29	113	146	17
	Females..	301	13	21	5	25	107	110	20
	Total....	652	22	47	16	54	220	256	37
July.....	Males....	306	9	23	7	19	111	124	13
	Females..	299	9	23	10	14	109	119	15
	Total....	605	18	46	17	33	220	243	28

TABLE II.—BIRTHS, 1884.—Continued.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.						
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Newport City.	Providence County.	Providence City.	Washington County.
August.	Males....	321	8	24	6	21	94	148	20
	Females..	301	8	32	9	23	103	110	16
	Total....	622	16	56	15	44	197	258	36
September..	Males....	328	12	34	7	26	108	124	17
	Females..	313	5	21	12	27	107	127	14
	Total....	641	17	55	19	53	215	251	31
October	Males....	298	14	13	9	21	101	126	14
	Females..	304	10	15	4	29	115	114	17
	Total....	602	24	28	13	50	216	240	31
November..	Males....	338	14	20	4	22	123	137	18
	Females..	317	15	17	8	32	99	129	17
	Total....	655	29	37	12	54	222	266	35
December ..	Males....	339	13	24	10	25	121	126	20
	Females..	352	9	19	5	38	107	150	24
	Total....	691	22	43	15	63	228	276	44
Whole Year.	Males....	3,713	133	266	84	270	1,234	1,520	206
	Females..	3,592	126	238	81	300	1,203	1,436	208
	Total....	7,305	259	504	165	570	2,437	2,956	414

TABLE IV.—MARRIAGES, 1884.

Arranged by Months and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	Whole State, 1884.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.							Whole State, 1883.
		Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County, Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	
January	234	4	16	7	9	71	118	9	235
February	215	6	10	3	10	70	108	8	153
March	134	8	12	1	9	39	46	19	147
First Quarter. . .	583	18	38	11	28	180	272	36	535
April	227	5	17	6	10	72	104	13	238
May	196	3	9	4	9	66	94	11	207
June	246	8	17	3	6	78	115	19	250
Second Quarter. .	669	16	43	13	25	216	313	43	695
July	173	5	10	2	8	62	74	12	189
August	178	11	10	3	10	50	81	13	182
September	223	3	22	4	18	72	91	13	216
Third Quarter. . .	574	19	42	9	36	184	246	38	587
October	249	8	12	5	19	81	111	13	276
November	291	11	11	8	19	103	118	21	311
December	192	7	14	8	7	51	84	21	207
Fourth Quarter. .	732	26	37	21	45	235	313	55	794
Whole Year.	2,558	79	160	54	134	815	1,144	172	2,611

TABLE V.—AGES OF PERSONS MARRIED, 1884.

AGES OF MEN.	AGES OF WOMEN.													Whole Number of Males.
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	Not Stated.	
Under 20.....	39	23	1	1	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
20 to 25.....	249	560	101	11	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	926
25 to 30.....	105	353	236	42	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	744
30 to 35.....	15	120	122	68	19	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	354
35 to 40.....	5	31	47	56	29	13	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	184
40 to 45.....	5	8	19	21	26	8	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	94
45 to 50.....	1	3	10	11	17	13	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	66
50 to 55.....	....	2	4	2	9	4	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	34
55 to 60.....	1	1	3	1	7	3	11	10	2	..	..	..	..	39
60 to 65.....	....	....	1	2	3	4	6	4	3	1	..	1	..	25
65 to 70.....	....	....	1	....	2	1	2	7	3	3	1	..	..	20
70 to 75.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	5
75 to 80.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	3
80 to 85.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Not Stated.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Whole No. Fem..	420	1101	545	215	123	58	48	30	9	5	3	1	..	2558

TABLE VI.—DEATHS, 1884.

Arranged by Months, Sexes, and Divisions of the State.

MONTHS.	SEX.	Whole State.	DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.							Washington County.	State Institutions, Cranston.
			Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County, Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County, Towns.	Providence City.			
January	Males. . . .	185	7	3	6	9	64	78	13	5	
	Females. .	193	10	8	7	10	55	90	9	4	
	Total. . . .	378	17	11	13	19	119	168	22	9	
February. . . .	Males. . . .	156	5	7	4	7	44	76	10	3	
	Females. .	188	5	7	4	12	51	95	6	2	
	Total. . . .	344	10	14	8	19	95	171	16	5	
March.	Males. . . .	190	11	11	8	11	58	75	11	5	
	Females. .	199	5	10	3	13	68	85	10	5	
	Total. . . .	389	16	21	11	24	126	160	21	10	
April.	Males. . . .	201	11	9	5	7	69	88	10	2	
	Females. .	215	10	12	4	12	72	94	10	1	
	Total. . . .	416	21	21	9	19	141	182	20	3	
May.	Males. . . .	160	4	9	6	5	47	76	5	8	
	Females. .	209	13	9	2	5	60	109	9	2	
	Total. . . .	369	17	18	8	10	107	185	14	10	
June.	Males. . . .	157	6	12	6	8	40	75	7	3	
	Females. .	169	8	9	1	16	53	70	8	4	
	Total. . . .	326	14	21	7	24	93	145	15	7	
July.	Males. . . .	239	6	13	4	14	77	106	17	2	
	Females. .	217	7	12	8	12	77	90	9	2	
	Total. . . .	456	13	25	12	26	154	196	26	4	
August	Males. . . .	272	8	17	7	15	82	120	18	5	
	Females. .	270	9	13	6	15	91	105	23	8	
	Total. . . .	542	17	30	13	30	173	225	41	13	
September . .	Males. . . .	257	13	15	7	8	94	104	13	3	
	Females. .	257	13	20	7	19	84	94	14	6	
	Total. . . .	514	26	35	14	27	178	198	27	9	
October. . . .	Males. . . .	234	12	10	6	11	72	105	16	2	
	Females. .	284	13	18	10	16	100	100	20	7	
	Total. . . .	518	25	28	16	27	172	205	36	9	
November . .	Males. . . .	205	8	18	2	10	68	86	3	5	
	Females. .	227	6	13	6	14	61	117	8	2	
	Total. . . .	432	14	31	8	24	129	203	11	7	
December. . .	Males. . . .	230	6	9	8	9	83	95	14	6	
	Females. .	227	5	11	7	16	71	100	14	3	
	Total. . . .	457	11	20	15	25	154	195	28	9	
Whole Year.	Males. . . .	2,486	97	133	69	114	798	1,084	142	49	
	Females. .	2,655	104	142	65	160	849	1,149	140	46	
	Total. . . .	5,141	201	275	134	274	1,647	2,233	282	95	

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1884.

Exhibiting the Whole Number, the Proportion to Population, the Number of each Sex, and the Number in each Period of Life, in every Town and Division of the State.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Population, 1885.	DEATHS.				Under one year.	1 and under 2.
		Whole Number.	In each 1000 of Populat'n.	SEX.	Number of each Sex.		
Barrington	1,394	16	11.4	Malés.	10	2	....
				Females...	6	1	1
Bristol	5,737	113	19.6	Males.	56	16	3
				Females...	57	9	4
Warren	4,205	72	17.1	Males.	31	5	1
				Females...	41	12	2
BRISTOL COUNTY.	11,336	201	17.7	Males.	97	23	4
				Females...	104	22	7
Coventry	4,810	82	17.0	Males.	39	8	1
				Females...	43	5	2
East Greenwich...	2,658	30	14.6	Males.	21	4	1
				Females...	18	5	....
West Greenwich ..	863	18	20.8	Males.	8	1	....
				Females...	10	2	....
Warwick	13,284	136	10.2	Males.	65	11	3
				Females...	71	10	1
KENT COUNTY...	21,615	275	12.7	Males.	133	24	5
				Females...	142	22	3
Jamestown	486	10	20.5	Males.	7	1	....
				Females...	3	2	...
Little Compton...	1,057	16	15.1	Males.	3	....	....
				Females...	13	1	....
Middletown	1,166	14	12.0	Males.	6	1	....
				Females...	8	....	1
New Shoreham ..	1,267	21	16.5	Males.	14	2	1
				Females...	7	2	...
Portsmouth	2,003	29	14.4	Males.	19	1	....
				Females...	10	....	....
Tiverton	2,702	44	16.3	Males.	20	4	1
				Females...	24	4	....
TOWNS, NEWP'T Co	8,681	134	15.4	Males.	69	9	2
				Females...	65	9	1
NEWPORT CITY...	19,552	274	14.0	Males.	114	28	6
				Females...	160	26	10

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1884.—Continued.

2 and under 3.	3 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Age not stated.
....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	2	1	3	....	....
....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....
1	....	2	....	....	6	5	5	5	7	4	1	1	....
....	....	1	....	1	6	4	1	3	7	10	9	2	....
3	3	2	....	1	3	1	2	1	1	5	3	....	....
....	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	8	1	1	....
4	3	4	....	2	9	7	7	6	10	10	7	1	....
....	2	2	1	3	9	6	3	6	11	18	11	3	....
2	....	3	....	1	1	1	1	3	7	4	3	1	3
1	....	....	....	2	4	2	5	1	6	7	5	2	1
....	....	....	....	....	1	....	3	3	2	6	1	....	....
....	1	....	....	1	2	2	1	....	2	....	1	1	2
....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	2	1	....	....
2	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	....
2	2	1	3	3	4	2	1	7	8	8	8	1	1
3	2	4	3	4	5	6	9	8	6	6	1	3	....
4	2	4	4	4	6	3	5	14	19	20	13	2	4
6	3	4	3	7	12	11	16	10	14	14	8	6	3
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	2	1	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	2	....	1	1	1	2	4	1	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	2	....	....	....
....	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	2	....	1	1	....	....
....	....	....	....	1	1	3	....	1	1	2	1	1	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	1	1	....	....
....	....	....	....	1	1	1	2	1	5	3	2	2	....
....	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	1	3	1	1	....
....	....	1	1	1	1	2	....	2	5	1	1	....	....
....	1	....	....	....	3	2	....	1	3	3	7	....	....
....	....	1	1	3	3	6	6	6	16	9	4	3	....
....	2	2	....	1	6	5	2	5	5	11	14	2	....
....	5	5	1	3	13	8	11	10	5	11	8	....	....
4	5	4	3	4	9	9	13	13	18	24	15	3	....

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1884.—Continued.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Population, 1885.	DEATHS.				Under one year.	
		Whole Number.	In each 1000 of Populatn.	SEX.	Number of each Sex.	Under one year.	1 and under 2.
Burrillville... ..	5,124	85	16.6	Males.	40	6	2
				Females...	45	12	1
Cranston	*6,109	†109	22.5	Males.	57	12	1
				Females...	52	8	3
Cumberland.....	7,167	158	22.0	Males.	81	16	6
				Females...	77	12	7
East Providence ..	6,809	105	15.4	Males.	51	14	4
				Females...	54	13	4
Foster.....	1,397	24	17.2	Males.	18	1	...
				Females...	6	...	...
Glocester.....	1,922	31	16.1	Males.	16	2	2
				Females...	15	1	1
Johnston	7,273	83	11.4	Males.	38	10	4
				Females...	45	10	1
Lincoln.....	17,269	283	16.3	Males.	134	39	8
				Females...	149	48	6
North Providence.	1,478	16	10.8	Males.	5	1	...
				Females...	11	...	2
North Smithfield..	3,088	36	11.6	Males.	15	2	...
				Females...	21	...	2
Pawtucket.	22,894	353	15.4	Males.	174	47	9
				Females...	179	31	10
Scituate.....	3,607	58	16.1	Males.	24	3	1
				Females...	34	3	1
Smithfield	2,338	24	10.3	Males.	12	3	...
				Females...	12	2	...
Woonsocket.....	16,145	282	17.4	Males.	133	28	18
				Females...	149	31	8
TOWNS, PROV. CO.	102,620	1,647	...	Males.	798	184	55
				Females...	849	171	46
PROVIDENCE CITY.	117,832	2,233	18.9	Males.	1,084	252	79
				Females...	1,149	217	61
Charlestown.....	1,042	16	15.4	Males.	9	2	...
				Females...	7	2	...
Exeter.....	1,083	18	16.6	Males.	13	1	...
				Females...	5	2	...
Hopkinton.....	2,796	24	08.6	Males.	8	...	...
				Females...	16	2	2
N. Kingstown....	3,869	50	12.9	Males.	24	6	...
				Females...	26	1	1
S. Kingstown.....	5,516	52	09.4	Males.	21	1	...
				Females...	31	3	...
Richmond.....	1,744	16	09.2	Males.	9	2	...
				Females...	7	2	...
Westerly.....	6,314	106	16.7	Males.	58	11	2
				Females...	48	8	3
WASHINGTON CO..	22,364	282	12.6	Males.	142	23	2
				Females...	140	20	6
State Ins. Cranston		95	78.7	Males.	49	2	...
				Females...	46	2	...

* Including 1,207 in State Institutions, Cranston.

† Not including deaths in State Institutions.

TABLE VII.—DEATHS, 1884.—Continued.

2 and under 3.	3 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 20.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Age not stated.
1	2	2	....	3	3	2	4	3	5	2	3	2	....
2	...	1	....	2	6	1	7	1	3	3	6	....	....
2	...	1	2	2	3	1	4	8	6	8	5	1	1
1	4	2	1	2	2	3	4	2	4	8	5	1	2
3	6	6	2	....	9	5	4	6	7	3	8	....	....
3	...	4	1	5	9	9	3	6	4	11	2	1	....
...	1	2	2	4	2	2	6	4	3	4	3	....	....
1	1	1	3	1	5	5	2	4	3	6	4	1	....
...	...	1	....	....	1	....	2	2	2	5	2	2	....
...	...	...	...	1	2	....	....	1	....	1	1	....	....
...	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	2	2	1	3	....	....
...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	3	4	1	....
...	2	1	2	....	2	3	....	5	7	1	....	....	1
4	1	....	1	....	6	6	1	5	4	4	2	....	....
12	16	5	3	5	6	7	7	4	5	9	4	....	4
6	8	6	3	6	14	12	9	5	12	9	3	1	1
...	...	...	...	1	1	....	....	...	1	1	....	....	....
...	...	1	1	....	1	....	....	2	1	2	....	1	....
...	1	2	2	....	5	....	....	...	1	2	....	....	....
1	1	....	....	1	3	2	4	2	1	2	1	1	....
2	6	5	1	4	20	16	10	15	19	12	6	....	2
5	9	8	4	7	17	15	15	13	21	11	9	3	1
...	1	....	....	1	2	2	1	1	5	5	2	....	....
1	1	....	....	1	6	3	1	5	1	4	7	....	....
...	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	3	1	1	1	1	....
...	...	...	...	2	1	1	....	...	2	1	2	1	....
5	6	6	2	3	16	12	4	18	9	5	1	....	....
5	1	1	3	9	18	20	8	14	13	11	4	2	1
25	45	31	16	24	70	51	42	71	73	59	38	6	8
29	26	25	17	37	90	77	54	62	71	76	50	13	5
47	45	40	16	22	107	90	81	87	94	77	38	9	....
34	38	49	16	36	113	110	96	90	92	108	75	14	....
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	....	2	....	2	1	....	....
2	...	...	...	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....
...	...	...	...	2	1	1	....	....	4	1	3	....	....
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	....	....
...	1	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	....	....
...	...	...	...	...	2	1	....	3	....	4	2	....	....
...	...	...	1	....	1	1	2	2	3	5	3	....	....
...	...	1	....	2	3	4	1	1	3	4	4	1	....
...	1	1	....	2	....	4	1	1	4	5	2	....	....
...	...	1	1	1	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	3	....
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	....	1	2	....	1
...	...	...	1	1	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....
2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	7	10	6	2	....	....
1	1	5	1	3	1	2	6	7	3	4	1	1	1
3	5	3	3	5	7	8	8	13	23	23	15	....	1
3	1	7	3	8	10	11	11	14	10	18	12	5	1
...	...	...	1	1	2	6	8	6	6	5	2	1	9
...	...	...	...	...	5	7	5	6	4	7	3	1	6

TABLE VII Continued.—DEATHS, 1884, RECAPITULATION.

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Population, 1885.	DEATHS.				Under one year.	1 and under 2.
		Whole Number.	In each 1000 of Populat'n.	SEX.	Number of each Sex.		
BRISTOL COUNTY..	11,336	201	17.7	Males.....	97	23	4
				Females...	104	22	7
KENT COUNTY....	21,615	275	17.1	Males.....	133	24	5
				Females...	142	22	3
NEWPORT COUNTY.	28,233	408	14.5	Males.....	183	37	8
				Females...	225	35	11
PROVIDENCE Co ..	*220,452	†3,880	†17.6	Males.....	1,882	436	134
				Females...	1,998	388	107
WASHINGTON Co..	22,364	282	12.6	Males.....	142	23	2
				Females...	140	20	6
STATE INST'S.	1,207	95	78.7	Males.....	49	2	....
				Females...	46	2	....
WHOLE STATE	304,000	5,141	16.9	Males.....	2,486	545	153
				Females...	2,655	489	134

* Including 1,207 in State Institutions.

† Not including deaths in State Institutions.

TABLE VII Continued.—DEATHS, 1884, RECAPITULATION.

2 and under 3.	3 and under 5.	5 and under 10.	10 and under 15.	15 and under 20.	20 and under 30.	30 and under 40.	40 and under 50.	50 and under 60.	60 and under 70.	70 and under 80.	80 and under 90.	90 and over.	Age not stated.
4	3	4	....	2	9	7	7	6	10	10	7	1	....
....	2	2	1	3	9	6	3	6	11	18	11	3	....
4	2	4	4	4	6	3	5	14	19	20	13	2	4
6	3	4	3	7	12	11	16	10	14	14	8	6	3
....	5	6	2	6	16	14	17	16	21	20	12	3	....
4	7	6	3	5	15	14	15	18	23	35	29	5	....
72	90	71	32	46	177	141	123	158	167	136	76	15	8
63	64	74	33	73	203	187	150	152	163	184	125	27	5
3	5	3	3	5	7	8	8	13	23	23	15	....	1
3	1	7	3	8	10	11	11	14	10	18	12	5	1
....	....	....	1	1	2	6	8	6	6	5	2	1	9
....	....	....	....	....	5	7	5	6	4	7	3	1	6
83	105	88	42	64	217	179	168	213	246	214	125	22	22
76	77	93	43	96	254	236	200	206	225	276	188	47	15

TABLE VIII.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1884.

Arranged Alphabetically; showing the Number of each Sex, who died from each cause, in each Month and in the whole year 1884; also the Number of American and of Foreign Parentage, from each cause, for the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		PARENTAGE.		SEX.							
	M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		M. F.		Am.		For.		M.		F.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Accidents, Various.....	5	3	3	1	2	2	6	2	4	1	4	1	4	3	3	..	4	1	2	3	5	1	2	3	30	35	44	21	65					
“ Burns and Scalds..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	7	13	8	12	20		
“ Drowning.....	..	1	..	6	..	8	..	5	1	1	1	7	2	1	1	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	18	23	35	6	41				
“ Falls	2	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	3	..	2	1	6	..	17	14	27	4	31	
“ Poisoning.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	2	5	2	7		
“ Railroad.....	1	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	8	8	16	..	16		
Abscesses .....	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	3	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	2	
Adenitis.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	19	8	27	
Alcoholism.....	2	1	1	2	1	..	2	1	..	1	3	4	2	2	1	2	..	2	3	1	..	1	..	10	17	19	8	27						
Anæmia.....	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	5	3	4	7		
Aneurism.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	3			
Apoplexy.....	9	9	4	8	5	7	13	9	4	10	4	9	6	6	4	10	11	7	7	5	7	4	12	12	104	78	86	96	182					
Asthenia.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	12	3	3	12	15	
Asthma.....	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	5	3	7	10		
Asphyxia.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	7	5	2	7	
Atelectasis Pulmonum.....	1	1	2	..	2	..	2	1	3	..	3				
Bladder, Disease of.....	2	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	8	5	10	3	13	
Bones, Disease of.....	2	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	5	1	6		
Bowels, Disease of.....	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	6	7	5	12	
“ Intussusception of.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Brain, Disease of.....	3	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	..	3	1	2	8	2	29	27	32	24	56					

TABLE VIII.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1884.—Continued.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	PARENTAGE.												SEX.																																																															
	Jan.						Feb.						Mar.						April						May						June						July						Aug.						Sept.						Oct.						Nov.						Dec.						PARENTAGE.		SEX.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Am.	For.	M.	F.	Total.																																	
Diarrhoea.....	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	4	9	12	14	9	11	4	4	6	1	...	2	41	47	46	42	88																																																		
“ Chronic.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	12	13	9	16	25																																																			
Diphtheria.....	6	2	2	3	3	9	1	1	3	2	1	1	4	5	11	1	10	5	14	10	47	72	65	54	111																																																			
Dropsy.....	4	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	20	20	20	20	40																																																			
Dysentery.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	4	4	2	4	7	5	3	...	...	...	1	16	24	19	21	40																																									
Embolism.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2																																
Enteritis.....	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	4	3	2	2	4	2	1	1	...	3	2	22	13	17	18	35																																																		
“ Colo.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	6	3	9																																	
“ Gastro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	5	6	3	2	2	2	1	1	16	16	17	15	32																																																			
Epilepsy.....	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	8	3	11																																								
Erysipelas.....	2	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	3	1	15	10	17	8	25																																																			
Exposure.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	5	7	1	8																																										
Fever, Unspecified.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	2	4	2	4																																						
“ Bilious.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	2																																	
“ Gastric.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	2																																	
“ Malarial.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	11	14	11	14	25																																												
“ Typho Malarial.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2	2	...	4	4																																	
“ Typhoid.....	4	6	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	4	2	5	3	5	3	11	7	11	15	8	9	61	65	68	58	126																																																		
Gangrene.....	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	6	4	6	4	10																																							
Glossitis.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2																																
Gout.....	1	1	1	...	1																																																		
Heart, Disease of.....	11	8	5	8	12	14	13	11	11	25	8	9	12	5	11	7	15	14	10	15	10	14	11	12	129	142	271																																																	
“ Hypertrophy of.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	6	8	14																																																		
Heat.....	1	1	2	2	...	2																																																		

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		Apr.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		PARENTAGE.			SEX.							
																									Am.			For.		M.		F.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Am.	For.	M.	F.	Total.						
Tabes Mesenterica.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	3	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	8	6	8	14	
Teething.....	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	14	9	12	21
Tetanus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	3	
Trismus Nascensium.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Thrush.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	
Tuberculosis.....	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	1	..	4	1	20	16	19	17	36						
Tumors.....	..	..	..	3	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	11	3	2	12	14
Ulcers.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	4	..	4
Uremia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	4	2	6	8
Uterus, Disease of.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1
Urethra, Stricture of.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	3	..	3	
Whooping Cough.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	1	5	2	4	8	1	4	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	23	20	17	26	43
Unknown.....	1	4	2	1	..	3	2	1	3	1	..	1	2	..	5	1	1	3	1	3	4	1	2	..	14	28	23	19	42						

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.	
Heart, Hypertrophy of.																																6	8	14
Heat.																																2	2	4
Hemorrhage.	4	5																														12	11	23
Hernia.																																2	9	11
Hip Joint, Disease of.																																4	1	5
Hydrocephalus.	10	10	3	2	3	1	1	2	4	3	1	2																			22	20	42	
Inanition.	4	3																														5	4	9
Insanity.																																17	19	36
Jaundice	2																															2	2	4
Kidneys, Disease of.																																16	23	39
“ Bright's Disease of.																																37	42	79
Laryngitis.	1		1																													3	5	8
Leucocythæmia.																																1	1	2
Liver, Disease of.	1	1	1																													18	21	39
“ Inflammation of.	1																															5	5	10
Lungs, Dis. of, Unspecified.																																4	6	10
Malformations.	13	3																														13	3	16
Malignant Pustule.																																2	1	3
Malnutrition	1																															...	1	1
Marasmus	36	24	4	3	1	1	2	1	1	1																						46	36	82
Measles	3	3	2	2	4	1	1																									10	8	18
Meningitis, Cerebro Spinal.	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	1																						13	8	21
“ Spinal.	3		1	1	1	1	1																									1	9	10
“ Tubercular	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	2																							6	8	14
Murder.																																2	...	2

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Age																SEX.		Total.																	
	Under 1.		1 and under 2.		2 to 3.		3 to 5.		5 to 10.		10 to 15.		15 to 20.		20 to 30.		30 to 40.			40 to 50.		50 to 60.		60 to 70.		70 to 80.		80 to 90.		90 and over.		Age not stated.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Sunstroke.....											1																						1	1	2	
Surgical Operation.....																																		1	1	2
Syphilis.....																																		4	3	7
“ Congenital.....	4	1	1																														5	2	7	
Tabes Mesenterica.....	6	3	2																														6	8	14	
Teething.....	4	8	5	4																													9	12	21	
Tetanus.....								1																									3	3	6	
Trismus Nascentium.....	2																																2	2	4	
Thrush.....	2																																2	2	4	
Tuberculosis.....	2	2	2			1		2		1	3	2	4	5	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1				19	17	36		
Tumors.....								1																									2	12	14	
Ulcers.....																																	4	4	8	
Uræmia.....																																	2	6	8	
Urethra, Stricture of.....																																	3	3	6	
Uterus, Disease of.....																																	1	1	2	
Whooping Cough.....	11	3	9	2	3	4	2	1	1																							17	26	43		
Unknown.....	9	6	1	1	2			1		1	3	2	1																			23	19	42		

TABLE X.—CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1884.

Showing what part of the Mortality in the whole State, and in each Division, is ascribed to each cause and class of causes.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION OF THE STATE.						PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION.					
CAUSES OF DEATH.											
Whole State.											
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County, Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Providence County Towns.	Newport City.	Newport County Towns.	Kent County.	Bristol County.
201	275	134	274	1,742	2,233	282	5,141	All Causes.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
199	268	131	272	1,723	2,227	279	5,099	Causes Specified.....	100.00	100.00	100.00
2	4	3	2	19	6	3	42	Causes not Specified.....	.....	.....	.....
CLASSES.											
43	49	23	60	404	494	45	1,118	I. ZYMOTIC DISEASES.....	21.78	15.99	17.17
35	65	23	58	369	509	61	1,119	II. CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES	21.80	21.68	17.17
88	97	50	98	618	927	104	1,982	III. LOCAL DISEASES.....	38.48	36.96	37.31
28	37	24	49	256	206	46	646	IV. DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES	12.58	16.09	17.89
7	27	14	9	95	98	26	276	V. VIOLENCE AND OTHERWISE	5.36	9.28	10.44
ORDERS.											
CLASS I.											
43	45	19	55	378	465	43	1,048	1. Miasmatic.....	20.36	15.27	14.19
...	3	3	1	13	9	1	30	2. Enthetic.....	.62	.36	2.23
									21.73	20.74	16.35
									.75	.40	1.09
									20.08	3.35	21.00
									3.35	9.81	3.50

..	1	1	4	11	20	1	38 3.	Dietic.....	.76	.36	.99	.63	1.46	.75	.37	.....
..	..	..	..	2	..	..	24.	Parasitic.....	.04	..	..	.12	..	..	..	.....
CLASS II.																
9	25	13	22	82	88	14	253 1.	Diathetic.....	4.99	4.96	3.92	4.74	8.02	9.70	9.10	4.50
26	40	10	36	287	420	47	866 2.	Tubercular.....	16.81	16.72	18.74	16.49	13.06	7.47	14.54	13.00
CLASS III.																
37	38	22	27	240	270	37	671 1.	Dis. of Nervous System.....	13.02	13.20	12.08	13.67	9.77	16.42	13.85	18.50
6	17	12	14	90	141	13	293 2.	Dis. of Circulatory System..	5.68	4.65	6.29	5.14	5.21	8.95	6.20	3.00
18	17	5	22	178	250	27	517 3.	Dis. of Respiratory Organs...	10.02	9.55	11.21	10.21	8.03	3.73	6.20	9.00
17	8	3	19	48	144	11	250 4.	Dis. of Digestive Organs....	4.92	3.89	6.41	2.76	6.84	2.24	2.92	8.50
8	12	7	14	48	78	11	178 5.	Dis. of Urinary Organs.....	3.42	3.89	3.48	2.76	5.21	5.22	4.27	4.00
..	..	..	1	3	7	3	14 6.	Dis. of Reproductive Organs	.27	1.06	.31	.17	.36	..	..	..
2	2	..	..	5	22	1	32 7.	Dis. of Os. and Locomo.Syst	.63	.36	.98	.28	..	..	.74	1.00
..	3	1	1	6	15	1	27 8.	Dis. of Integumentary Syst.	.52	.36	.66	.34	.36	.75	1.09	..
CLASS IV.																
4	10	6	13	102	91	9	235 1.	Develop. Dis. of Children..	4.58	3.18	4.16	5.84	4.75	4.48	3.65	2.00
1	3	1	2	21	19	4	51 2.	Develop. Dis. of Women....	.98	1.41	.84	1.26	.74	.75	1.09	.50
16	20	14	25	106	86	26	293 3.	Develop. Dis. of Old Age...	5.69	9.21	3.83	6.06	9.12	10.44	7.27	8.00
7	4	3	9	27	10	7	67 4.	Dis. of Nutrition. Adult, &c.	1.33	2.29	.45	1.53	3.28	2.24	1.46	3.50
CLASS V.																
5	19	7	7	65	76	18	197 1.	Accident and Neglect.....	3.82	6.47	3.48	3.72	2.61	5.22	6.90	2.50
..	..	..	..	1	1	..	22.	Homicide.....	.04	..	.04	.06	..	..	..	..
..	1	1	..	6	11	3	22 3.	Suicide.....	.43	1.06	.53	.34	..	.75	.37	..
2	7	6	2	23	10	5	55 4.	Various.....	1.07	1.75	.46	1.40	.74	4.47	2.54	1.00
CLASS I.—ZYMOTIC.																
43	49	23	60	404	494	45	1,118		21.78	15.99	22.13	23.23	21.90	17.17	17.81	21.00

TABLE X.—CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1884.—Continued.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION OF THE STATE.						CAUSES OF DEATH.		Percentage in the Whole State.	PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION.						
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.		Washington County.	Providence City.	Providence County Towns.	Newport City.	Newport County Towns.	Kent County.	Bristol County.
<i>Order One.—Miasmatic. Dis.</i>															
1	1	2	1	2	1	1	4 Carbuncle.....	.08		.04	.12	.36			
10	12	2	24	114	144	19	1 Cholera, Sporadic.....	.02			.06				
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	325 Cholera Infantum....	6.31	6.72	6.44	6.50	8.74	1.49	4.35	5.00
2	11	1	3	29	34	1	17 Cholera Morbus.....	.33		.31	.51			.36	
8	1	5	4	39	58	4	80 Croup (Pseudo Membranous)...	1.55		1.50	1.67	1.09	.74	3.99	1.00
10	2	4	2	47	47	1	119 Diphtheria.....	2.31	1.41	2.60	2.22	1.46	3.73	.36	4.00
3	1	4	1	19	9	4	113 Diarrhoea.....	2.20	.35	1.09	2.69	.73	2.98	.72	5.00
2	2	1	4	14	9	9	40 Dysentery.....	.78	1.41	.40	1.09	1.46	.74	1.08	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 Erysipelas.....	.49		.40	.79			.72	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2 Fever, Bilious.....	.04				.73			
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25 Fever, Malarial.....	.49		.27	.85	.73	1.49		
7	7	3	3	45	52	9	126 Fever, Typhoid.....	2.45	3.18	2.33	2.57	1.09	2.23	2.54	3.50
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 Fever, Typho-Malarial.....	.08		.18					
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 Fever, Unspecified.....	.12		.09	.23				
1	6	1	1	3	7	1	2 Influenza (Epidemic)...	.04			.12				
5	1	1	2	6	28	2	18 Measles.....	.35		.31	.17		.74	2.17	.50
5	1	1	2	6	28	2	43 Pertussis.....	.83	.70	1.26	.34	.73			2.50

TABLE X.—CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1884.—Continued.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION OF THE STATE.							PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION.						
CAUSES OF DEATH.													

9	12	2	6	38	65	7	139	Convulsions.....	2.70	2.47	2.92	2.16	2.19	1.49	4.35	4.50
4	4	...	1	29	24	3	65	Brain Diseases	1.26	1.06	1.06	1.67	.36	.....	1.45	2.00
<i>Order Two.—Diseases of the Circulatory System.</i>																
6	17	12	14	89	139	13	3	Aneurism.....	.06	.....	.09	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	17	12	14	89	139	13	290	Heart Diseases.....	5.63	4.60	6.21	5.07	5.11	8.95	6.17	3.00
<i>Order Three.—Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.</i>																
1	...	...	1	3	6	...	11	Laryngitis.....	.21	.....	.27	.17	.36	.....	.....	.50
6	...	1	6	29	39	...	81	Bronchitis, Acute.....	1.57	.....	1.74	1.66	2.19	.74	.....	3.00
...	...	1	...	13	23	...	37	Bronchitis, Chronic.....	.72	.....	1.03	.75	.....	.74	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	Pleurisy.....	.10	.....	.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	13	3	14	125	172	26	363	Pneumonia.....	7.06	9.20	7.72	7.17	5.09	2.23	4.72	5.00
1	4	...	...	1	3	1	10	Asthma.....	.19	.35	.13	.06	.....	.....	1.44	.50
...	...	...	1	7	2	...	10	Lung Diseases.....	.19	.....	.09	.40	.36	.....	.....	.....
<i>Order Four.—Diseases of the Digestive Organs.</i>																
...	...	...	...	3	21	3	27	Gastritis.....	.53	1.06	.94	.17	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	1	1	10	9	47	1	76	Enteritis.....	1.47	.35	2.11	.51	3.65	.74	.36	3.50
2	...	...	...	11	27	...	40	Peritonitis.....	.78	.....	1.21	.62	.....	.....	.....	1.00
...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	Ascites.....	.04	.....	.....	.06	.36	.....	.....	.....
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	Ulceration of Intestines.....	.02	.....	.....	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	...	...	1	4	5	1	11	Hernia.....	.21	.35	.22	.23	.36	.....	.....	.....
1	2	...	...	...	4	1	8	Ileus.....	.15	.35	.18	.....	.....	.....	.72	.50
1	...	...	...	2	2	...	5	Intussusception.....	.10	...	.13	.12	.....	.....	.....	.50
1	1	1	2	4	4	3	16	Stomach Diseases.....	.31	1.06	.18	.23	.73	.74	.36	.50
...	...	...	...	5	5	...	10	Hepatitis.....	.19	.....	.22	.28	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	1	...	1	2	1	...	5	Jaundice.....	.10	.....	.04	.12	.36	.....	.36	.....

TABLE X.—CLASSIFICATION AND PERCENTAGE, 1884.—Continued.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION OF THE STATE.						PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION.									
CAUSES OF DEATH.						Percentage in the Whole State.	PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS IN EACH DIVISION.								
Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.		Washington County.	Newport City.	Newport County Towns.	Kent County.	Bristol County.				
Order Four.—Diseases of Nutrition. Adolescent and Adult.															
5	1	1	5	5	.22	.43	.....	1.82	.74	.36	2.50			
2	3	2	4	22	.22	.87	2.47	1.46	1.49	1.08	1.00				
CLASS V.—VIOLENCE AND OTHERWISE.							5.36	9.28	4.51	5.52	3.35	10.44	9.81	3.50	
Order One.—Accident or Negligence.															
.....	2	1	2	12	1.25	.95	1.41	.68	.74	.72	.....			
1	4	.....	.....	7	.31	.39	.35	.40	.....	1.45	.50	
.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.13	.13	.70	.12	.....	.....	.....	
3	2	2	.....	15	.62	.80	1.77	.85	1.49	.72	1.50			
.....	3	.....	.....	8	.....	.21	.....	.45	.....	1.08	.....			
1	8	4	5	21	1.06	1.34	2.12	1.20	2.98	2.90	.50				

...	...	...	1	1	2	<i>Order Two.—Homicide.</i>	.04	.04	.06	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	1	2	<i>Order Three.—Suicide.</i>	.43	1.06	.49	.34	.74	.36
...	...	...	6	11	22	<i>Order Four.—Various.</i>	.29	.70	.18	.34	2.23	...
...	...	...	4	4	13	Unclassified.....	.82	1.06	.27	1.02	2.23	1.00
2	7	3	19	6	42	Cause not specified.....				.73	2.52	

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS AND AGES AT DEATH, 1884.

Showing the Average Age, at Death, in the several occupations; Providence City being considered separately and with the State; and ages under twenty being excluded.

OCCUPATIONS.	PROVIDENCE CITY.			WHOLE STATE.		
	Number of Decedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number of Decedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
I. AGRICULTURE.						
Farmers.....	11	692	63.00	148	10,202	68.89
Florists.....	2	46	23.00	4	184	46.00
Gardeners.....	4	260	65.00	12	810	67.58
II. PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES.						
Actors.....	1	29	29.00	1	29	29.00
Artisans.....	1	54	54.00	2	106	53.00
Auctioneers.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47	47.00
Barbers.....	1	30	30.00	3	106	35.33
Canvasser.....	.....	.....	.....	1	38	38.00
Civil Engineers.....	.....	.....	.....	1	56	56.00
Clergymen.....	2	110	55.00	8	493	61.62
Clerks and Salesmen.....	25	925	37.00	39	1,388	35.60
Coachmen.....	5	295	59.00	7	377	53.86
Collectors.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	42.00
Cooks.....	.....	.....	.....	3	131	43.66
Firemen.....	.....	.....	.....	2	115	57.50
Hostlers.....	2	88	44.00	4	164	41.00
Hotel keepers.....	2	100	50.00	4	199	49.75
Janitors.....	2	116	58.00	2	101	50.50
Journalists.....	3	133	44.33	3	133	44.33
Laborers.....	112	5,348	47.75	246	11,124	45.14
Lamplighter.....	.....	.....	.....	1	43	43.00
Lawyers.....	1	33	33.00	2	71	35.50
Letter carriers.....	1	26	26.00	1	26	26.00
Musicians.....	.....	.....	.....	1	39	39.00
Music teachers.....	1	35	35.00	2	74	37.00
Physicians.....	1	76	76.00	11	637	57.91
Policemen.....	5	280	56.00	5	280	56.00
Saloon keepers.....	4	178	44.50	9	424	47.11
Stable keepers.....	2	105	52.50	3	138	46.00
Students.....	1	21	21.00	1	21	21.00

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS, 1884.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	PROVIDENCE CITY.			WHOLE STATE.		
	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
Teachers.....				6	296	49.33
Undertakers.....	1	72	72.00	1	72	72.00
Waiters.....				2	46	23.00
Watchmen.....	2	79	39.50	6	335	55.83
III. TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION.						
Agents (traveling).....	2	79	39.50	2	79	39.50
Apothecaries.....	3	144	48.00	3	144	48.00
Bankers.....	1	54	54.00	2	104	52.00
Book keepers.....	7	352	50.30	15	651	43.40
Boatmen.....				2	103	51.50
Brakemen.....	4	101	25.25	4	101	25.25
Brokers.....	1	50	50.00	2	104	52.00
Butchers.....	1	44	44.00	7	440	62.86
Car drivers.....	1	37	37.00	1	37	37.00
Cashiers (bank, &c.).....				1	65	65.00
Collectors.....				2	104	52.00
Confectioners.....				1	49	49.00
Conductors.....	2	204	68.00	3	204	68.00
Expressmen.....				3	136	45.33
Fishermen and oystermen.....				3	101	33.66
Grocers.....	9	457	50.77	22	970	44.10
Hackmen.....	2	102	51.00	3	126	42.00
Liquor dealers.....	8	313	39.12	10	457	45.70
Mariners.....	1	46	46.00	3	117	39.00
Marketmen.....	1	61	61.00	4	233	58.25
Merchants.....	8	492	61.50	19	1,178	62.00
Milkmen.....				1	39	39.00
Peddlers.....	4	213	53.25	7	391	55.86
Pilots.....				2	121	60.50
Porters.....	1	70	70.00	1	70	70.00
Railroad station employés.....				3	162	54.00
Sea captains.....	4	272	68.00	11	783	71.18
Seamen, ordinary.....	6	221	36.83	6	221	36.83
Stevedores.....	1	48	48.00	2	83	41.50
Teamsters.....	5	228	45.60	15	631	42.10
Traders and dealers.....	2	167	83.50	6	372	62.00

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS, 1884.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	PROVIDENCE CITY.			WHOLE STATE.		
	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
IV. MANUFACTURES, MECHANICAL AND MINING INDUSTRIES.						
Bakers.....	3	110	36.66	3	110	36.66
Blacksmiths....	13	703	54.08	17	935	55.00
Bleachers.....	2	133	66.50	2	133	66.50
Block maker.....	..	..	..	2	113	56.50
Boat builders....	..	..	..	2	133	66.50
Boot and shoe makers.....	7	449	64.14	20	1,221	61.05
Brass worker.....	1	51	51.00	1	51	51.00
Brush makers.....	..	..	..	2	73	36.50
Cabinet makers.....	2	146	73.00	4	237	59.25
Calico printers....	1	59	59.00	1	59	59.00
Carpenters.....	22	1,197	54.41	53	2,839	53.60
Carriage makers....	..	..	..	2	113	56.50
Cigar makers.....	1	84	84.00	4	210	52.50
Confectioners.....	..	..	..	3	212	70.66
Coopers.....	..	..	..	1	72	72.00
Coppersmiths.....	..	..	..	1	47	47.00
Designers.....	..	..	..	1	54	54.00
Die sinkers.....	1	69	69.00	2	114	57.00
Dyers.....	3	182	60.66	5	252	50.40
Engineers.....	5	312	62.50	7	399	57.00
Engravers.....	2	140	70.00	3	218	72.66
Farriers.....	..	..	..	1	49	49.00
File cutters.....	..	..	..	3	111	37.00
Gas fitters.....	..	..	..	3	122	40.66
Harness makers....	1	42	42.00	4	197	49.25
Icemen.....	1	71	71.00	1	71	71.00
Jewelers.....	35	1,473	42.10	43	1,750	40.70
Machinists.....	12	667	55.57	43	2,362	54.93
Manufacturers....	8	519	64.87	12	767	64.00
Masons.....	7	376	53.57	18	1,008	56.00
Mechanics.....	2	109	54.50	18	979	54.37
Millers.....	..	..	..	1	79	79.00
Millwright.....	..	..	..	1	59	59.00
Moulders.....	7	374	53.47	13	673	51.77
Operatives.....	23	794	34.52	80	3,077	38.46
Overseers and superintendents..	5	239	47.80	9	539	59.90
Painters.....	7	261	37.70	22	902	41.00
Pattern maker.....	..	..	..	1	35	35.00

TABLE XI.—OCCUPATIONS, 1884.—Continued.

OCCUPATIONS.	PROVIDENCE CITY.			WHOLE STATE.		
	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
Paper hangers.....				1	40	40.00
Paver.....	1	55	55.00	1	55	55.00
Plumbers.....	1	20	20.00	2	76	38.00
Printers.....	6	287	47.83	11	509	46.27
Roll coverer.....	1	32	32.00	4	222	55.50
Rope makers.....	1	45	45.00	2	122	61.00
Rubber workers.....				3	103	34.33
Ship carpenters.....				1	89	89.00
Silversmiths.....	4	165	41.25	4	165	41.25
Stone cutters.....	5	219	43.80	18	806	44.77
Stucco workers.....	1	54	54.00	1	54	54.00
Tailors.....	7	372	53.14	19	1,009	53.10
Tinsmiths.....	1	53	53.00	1	53	53.00
Tool makers.....				1	31	31.00
Upholsterers.....	1	27	27.00	2	65	32.50
Watch makers.....				1	30	30.00
Wheelwrights.....	1	86	86.00	1	86	86.00
V. FEMALES.						
House keepers.....				136	7,423	54.60
Dressmakers and seamstresses...	7	199	28.43	15	481	32.10
Milliners.....				1	58	58.00
Nurses.....	1	71	71.00	2	117	58.50
Operatives.....	3	71	23.66	18	474	26.33
Governess.....	1	67	67.00	1	67	67.00
Servants.....	13	455	35.00	28	1,401	50.00
Tailoresses.....	2	64	32.00	4	192	48.00
Teachers.....	7	237	33.86	9	338	37.55

TABLE XI.—RECAPITULATION BY CLASSES.

OCCUPATIONS.	PROVIDENCE CITY.			WHOLE STATE.		
	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.	Number of De- cedents.	Aggregate Age.	Average Age.
I. AGRICULTURE.....	17	998	58.70	164	11,196	68.27
II. PROFESSIONAL AND PER- SONAL SERVICES.....	175	8,132	46.47	378	17,079	45.18
III. TRADE AND TRANSPORTA- TION.....	75	3,765	50.20	164	8,296	50.58
IV. MANUFACTURES, MECHAN- ICAL AND MINING INDUS- TRIES.....	201	9,975	49.58	471	22,825	48.46
V. FEMALES.....	34	1,164	34.23	213	10,484	49.22
ALL CLASSES.....	502	24,035	49.87	1,390	69,880	50.20

OCCUPATIONS.

OCCUPATIONS.	Whole number of given causes.																											
	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Aneurism.	Asthma.	Bladder, Diseases of.	Brain, Diseases of.	Bronchitis.	Cancer.	Consumption.	Diabetes.	Diarrheal Diseases.	Epilepsy.	Erysipelas.	Fever, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Insanity.	Intemperance.	Kidneys, Diseases of.	Laryngitis.	Liver, Diseases of.	Marasmus.	Old Age.	Pneumonia.	Rheumatism.	Spine, Diseases of.	Stomach, Diseases of.	Suicide.	Tuberculosis.
Roll coverer.....	4	1	1						1									1		1								
Rope makers.....	2	1							1																			
Rubber workers.....	3	1							1					1														
Ship carpenters.....	1																											
Silversmiths.....	4														1			1				1						
Stone cutters.....	19	2	1						2		1			3	1			1						3				
Stucco workers.....	1						1		2		1				1			2				1						1
Tailors.....	19	1	1				1		7		1				1													
Tinsmiths.....	1																											
Tool makers.....	1																											
Upholsterers.....	2					1																		1				
Watch makers.....	1								1																			
Wheelwrights.....	1																					1						
V. FEMALES.																												
House keepers.....	133	3	12		1	1	3	14	30	1	5	1	1	7	12	2		6	1	3	1	15	11			1	1	1
Dressmakers and seamstresses.....	15								8						2									4				
Milliners.....	1																											
Nurses.....	1										1																	
Operatives.....	18	1				1			13					2												1		
Servants.....	28		1				1	3	4		1			3	2			3				5				1	1	2
Tailoresses.....	4																											
Teachers.....	9						2		4						1					1		1						

TABLE XII.—RECAPITULATION BY CLASSES.

OCCUPATIONS.	Whole number of given causes.	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Aneurism.	Asthma.	Bladder, Diseases of.	Brain, Diseases of.	Bronchitis.	Cancer.	Consumption.	Diabetes.	Diarrhoeal Diseases.	Epilepsy.	Erysipelas.	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Insanity.	Intemperance.	Kidneys, Diseases of.	Laryngitis.	Liver, Diseases of.	Marasmus.	Old Age.	Pneumonia.	Rheumatism.	Spine, Diseases of.	Stomach, Diseases of.	Suicide.	Tuberculosis.
		162	12	27	1	3	3	5	5	10	1	6	4	22	4	5	2	1	31	9	5	1	4	1
I. AGRICULTURE.....																													
II. PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES.....	367	31	21	1	1	5	9	8	9	94	3	19	1	5	24	33	3	7	10	....	8	1	20	37	5	2	4	3	3
III. TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION..	155	17	15	1	1	4	4	3	2	32	1	6	1	....	11	19	1	2	7	....	2	....	5	10	1	....	2	4	4
IV. MANUFACTURES, MECHANICAL AND MINING INDUSTRIES.....	485	34	41	2	3	6	15	8	14	123	5	14	1	4	28	41	3	6	24	1	15	3	26	34	5	3	12	8	6
V. FEMALES.....	210	4	14	....	1	1	2	4	19	59	1	8	1	1	12	17	2	....	9	1	4	3	21	16	....	2	3	2	3
TOTAL.....	1,379	98	118	4	7	19	33	28	49	318	11	53	4	10	79	132	13	15	55	2	31	8	103	106	16	8	21	21	17



RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS, 1884.

The whole number of births recorded in the State of Rhode Island, during the year 1884, was seven thousand three hundred and five (7,305); the whole number of marriages was two thousand five hundred and fifty-eight (2,558); and the whole number of deaths was five thousand one hundred and forty-one (5,141).

TABLE XIII.

Presenting the General Results of Registration in the State, during each of the last thirty-one years.

Year.	Whole Number		Living		
	of Births.	Still-born.	Births.	Marriages.	Deaths.
1854.....	2,105	78	2,027	1,047	1,720
1855.....	2,926	124	2,802	1,375	1,846
1856.....	2,906	183	2,723	1,535	2,042
1857.....	4,026	185	3,841	1,526	2,325
1858.....	4,263	177	4,086	1,438	2,616
1859.....	4,500	177	4,323	1,672	2,270
1860.....	4,660	167	4,493	1,748	2,686
1861.....	4,810	146	4,664	1,533	2,927
1862.....	4,125	123	4,002	1,450	2,591
1863.....	3,691	111	3,580	1,618	3,207
1864.....	3,892	138	3,754	1,844	3,360
1865.....	3,955	177	3,778	1,896	3,405
1866.....	4,902	172	4,730	2,318	2,970
1867.....	5,127	163	4,964	2,344	2,889
1868.....	5,372	212	5,160	2,285	2,912
1869.....	5,245	220	5,025	2,289	3,382
1870.....	5,215	234	4,981	2,362	3,238
1871.....	5,678	223	5,455	2,336	3,344
1872.....	6,143	202	5,941	2,537	4,247
1873.....	6,022	228	5,794	2,630	4,403
1874.....	6,466	277	6,189	2,541	4,229
1875.....	6,508	246	6,262	2,485	4,317
1876.....	6,329	224	6,105	2,253	4,116
1877.....	6,235	242	5,993	2,282	4,450
1878.....	6,714	248	6,466	2,324	4,441
1879.....	6,350	216	6,134	2,396	4,472
1880.....	6,295	192	6,103	2,769	4,829
1881.....	6,761	264	6,497	2,750	5,016
1882.....	6,825	253	6,572	2,634	5,074
1883.....	7,046	253	6,793	2,611	5,282
1884.....	7,305	272	7,033	2,558	5,141

During the period of thirty-one years there were recorded, in Rhode Island, 162,427 births, of which number 6,127 were still-born, and 156,300 were living children.

During the same period there were recorded 65,406 marriages, or 130,812 persons married, and 109,747 deaths.

These results show that in every 26.5 births there was one still-born child, or that in every 1,000 births there were 37.7 still-born and 962.3 living children.

The same results also show that the ratio of living births to the whole number of persons married, and to the whole number of decedents, each, during the same period, were as follows :

	Persons married.	Deaths.
For every 100 living births there were.....	83.7.....	70.2.....

By the Table on the previous page it will also be seen that the number of living births, and of births of the still-born, have each gradually increased during the whole period ; that marriages have largely decreased during the last four years ; and that the deaths have slowly increased from the first, with occasional recessions.

TABLE XIV.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN RHODE ISLAND,
IN 1884, COMPARED WITH THE POPULATION
BY THE CENSUS OF 1885.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Population in 1885.	Births in 1884.	To Population one Birth in	Marrriages in 1884.	To Population one person Married in	Deaths in 1884.	Of Popu'ation one Death in	Deaths to each 1000 of the Population.
Barrington.....	1,394	20	69.7	11	63.3	16	87.1	11.4
Bristol.....	5,737	131	43.8	33	86.9	113	50.7	19.7
Warren.....	4,205	108	38.9	35	60.0	72	58.4	17.1
BRISTOL COUNTY.....	11,336	259	43.7	79	71.7	201	56.3	17.7
Coventry.....	4,800	95	50.6	19	126.3	82	58.5	17.0
East Greenwich.....	2,658	56	47.4	29	45.8	39	68.1	14.7
West Greenwich.....	863	18	48.0	4	107.8	18	47.9	20.8
Warwick.....	13,284	335	39.6	108	61.5	136	97.6	10.2
KENT COUNTY.....	21,605	504	42.9	160	67.5	275	78.6	12.7
Jamestown.....	486	10	48.6	1	243.0	10	48.6	20.5
Little Compton.....	1,057	9	117.4	11	48.0	16	66.0	15.1
Middletown.....	1,166	33	35.3	2	291.5	14	83.2	12.0
New Shoreham.....	1,267	31	40.8	12	52.7	21	60.3	16.5
Portsmouth.....	2,003	29	69.0	5	200.3	29	69.0	14.5
Tiverton.....	2,702	53	51.0	23	58.7	44	61.4	16.3
TOWNS, NEWPORT COUNTY.....	8,681	165	52.6	54	80.3	134	64.7	15.4
NEWPORT CITY.....	19,552	570	34.3	134	72.9	274	71.3	14.0
Burrillville.....	5,124	115	44.5	30	85.4	85	60.2	16.6
Cranston.....	*6,109	134	45.5	19	160.7	†109	44.9	22.3
Cumberland.....	7,167	174	41.1	62	57.7	158	45.3	22.0
East Providence.....	6,809	154	44.2	45	75.5	105	64.8	15.4
Foster.....	1,397	17	82.1	13	53.7	24	58.2	17.2
Glocester.....	1,922	39	49.2	20	48.0	31	62.0	16.1
Johnston.....	7,273	170	42.7	26	139.9	83	87.5	11.4
Lincoln.....	17,269	401	43.0	160	53.9	283	61.0	16.4
North Providence.....	1,478	24	61.5	3	246.3	16	92.3	10.8
North Smithfield.....	3,088	74	41.7	22	70.1	36	85.7	11.6
Pawtucket.....	22,894	557	41.1	197	58.1	353	63.4	15.7
Scituate.....	3,607	69	52.2	47	38.3	58	62.2	16.0
Smithfield.....	2,398	62	38.7	14	85.6	24	99.9	10.0
Woonsocket.....	16,145	447	36.1	157	51.4	282	57.2	17.5
TOWNS, PROVIDENCE COUNTY.....	102,620	2,437	42.1	815	62.9	1,742	58.9	17.0
PROVIDENCE CITY.....	118,070	2,956	39.9	1,144	51.6	2,233	52.8	18.9
Charlestown.....	1,042	25	41.6	12	43.1	16	65.1	15.2
Exeter.....	1,083	20	54.1	11	49.2	18	61.7	16.2
Hopkinton.....	2,796	52	53.7	29	48.2	24	116.5	8.6
North Kingstown.....	3,869	80	48.3	23	84.1	50	77.3	12.9
South Kingstown.....	5,516	73	75.5	10	275.8	52	106.0	9.4
Richmond.....	1,744	27	64.5	39	22.3	16	109.0	9.2
Westerly.....	6,314	137	43.8	48	65.7	106	59.5	16.8
WASHINGTON COUNTY.....	22,364	414	54.0	172	65.0	282	79.3	12.6
WHOLE STATE.....	304,238	7,305	41.7	2,558	59.4	5,141	59.2	16.1

* Including 1,200 in State Institutions.

† Not including State Institutions.

BIRTHS. PROPORTION TO POPULATION.

The completion of the State census of the population of Rhode Island, in 1885, enables the compiler of this report to make use of that enumeration in calculating the proportions of the births, marriages and deaths, in each of the towns, to the population of the same respectively.

This enumeration will not be larger, in any of the farming towns, than was the population of those towns in the middle of the year 1884, and, owing to the depletion of the population by the removal of considerable numbers engaged in the many manufacturing industries of the towns, who could find little or no employment, it is doubtful if there are any towns having a larger population, in 1885, than they had in 1884.

It will, therefore, be a fair basis for the proportions given below, and which are derived from Table XIV.

For more extended remarks in relation to proportion of births in Rhode Island, see page 68, Thirty-First Registration Report.

The city of Newport again comes to the front, for the third consecutive year, as showing the largest proportion of births to population in 1884. The whole number, in 1884, was 17 less than in 1883. The proportion to population was one birth to every 34.3 persons. The adjacent town of Middletown followed Newport very closely in the large proportion of births to population, that is, one birth to every 35.3 persons.

The towns following the above, having the largest birth ratios, far as to one in every 40 of the population, or 25 to each thousand inhabitants, are as follows, diminishing in the order named: Woonsocket, 36.1; Smithfield, 38.7; Warren, 38.9; Warwick, 39.6; Providence city, 39.9.

The smallest proportion of births to population occurred in the town of Little Compton, that is, one birth to every 117.4 persons, or about 8.5 in each thousand inhabitants. Following Little Compton, in the smaller ratios, were, Foster, 82.1; South Kingstown, 75.5; and Barrington, 69.7.

The proportions of the several counties, the towns of Providence and Newport counties, the cities of Providence and Newport, and the whole State, are as follows:

Bristol County.....	22.9 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Kent County.....	23.3 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Newport County Towns.....	19.0 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Newport City.....	29.2 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Newport County.....	25.8 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Providence County Towns.....	23.8 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Providence City.....	25.1 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Providence County.....	24.4 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Washington County.....	18.5 births in every 1,000 of the population.
Whole State.....	24.0 births in every 1,000 of the population.

MARRIAGES. PROPORTION TO POPULATION.

The number of marriages in towns of small population are so variable, from year to year, that the proportion to population in any one year would be of no value as an indication of the number of marriageable persons in those towns. Nor does the average of a number of years afford a reliable indication in those towns where there are no churches of those denominations whose votaries so frequently resort to the church for the performance of the marriage ceremony. But in towns of large size, and in cities, the variations from one year to another are very much less. Aggregated in counties the returns from the towns are, however, of sufficient value to furnish reliable statistical data.

The ratio of persons married during the year 1884, to the population in each of the several counties, by the census of 1885, was as follows :

Bristol County.....	One person married in every 71.7 of the population.
Kent County.....	One person married in every 67.5 of the population.
Newport County.....	One person married in every 73.5 of the population.
Providence County.....	One person married in every 56.9 of the population.
Washington County.....	One person married in every 65.0 of the population.

For the purpose of showing the difference between the aggregate of the county towns and the cities of Providence and Newport, in the same counties, the following summary is presented :

Towns, Providence County.....	One person married in every 62.9 of the population.
Providence City.....	One person married in every 51.6 of the population.
Towns, Newport County.....	One person married in every 80.3 of the population.
Newport City.....	One person married in every 72.9 of the population.

In the whole State the proportion was one person married in every 59.4 of the population.

The above proportions may be presented in a different way, as follows :

Bristol County.....	13.9 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.
Kent County.....	14.8 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.
Newport County.....	13.6 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.
Providence County.....	17.6 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.
Washington County.....	15.4 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.
Whole State.....	16.8 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.

DEATHS. PROPORTION TO POPULATION.

The remarks on a previous page, in relation to the taking of the State census enumeration of 1885 as a basis for computing the percentage of *births* in 1884, will apply equally well in regard to the computation of the percentage of *deaths* during the same year.

The towns having the largest death rate, during the year 1884, were Cranston, with a proportion of 22.3 in every thousand of population ; Cumberland, with 22.0 in every thousand ; West Greenwich, with 20.8 in every thousand ; Jamestown, with 20.5 ; Bristol, 19.7 ; and Providence city, with 18.9 in every thousand.

For Jamestown, the proportion is unusual, if not unprecedented.

Among the towns having the smallest death rate are Hopkinton, with 8.6 in every thousand of the population ; Richmond, with 9.2 ; South Kingstown, 9.4 ; Smithfield, 10.0 ; Warwick, 10.2 ; and North Providence, 10.8.

Below may be found a summary of the ratios of mortality, during 1884, in the cities and larger divisions of the State, and the whole State, based upon the census of 1885 :

Bristol County.....	17.7 in each one thousand of the population.
Kent County.....	12.7 in each one thousand of the population.
Towns, Newport County.....	15.4 in each one thousand of the population.
City of Newport.....	14.0 in each one thousand of the population.
Newport County.....	14.4 in each one thousand of the population.
Towns, Providence County.....	17.0 in each one thousand of the population.
City of Providence.....	18.9 in each one thousand of the population.
Providence County.....	18.0 in each one thousand of the population.
Washington County.....	12.6 in each one thousand of the population.
Whole State.....	16.1 in each one thousand of the population.

The following summary will present, in a condensed form, the proportional results of registration of the different events, in the different cities and counties, during 1884 :

	Marriages.		
	Births.	Of population	Deaths.
	Of population one in every	one person married in every	Of population one in every
Bristol County,.....	43.7	71.7	56.3
Kent County.....	42.9	67.5	78.6
Newport County.....	38.7	73.5	69.4
Providence County.....	40.9	56.9	55.5
Washington County.....	54.0	65.0	79.3
Newport City.....	34.3	72.9	71.3
Providence City.....	39.9	51.6	52.8
Whole State.....	41.7	59.4	59.2

Persons desiring to compare the results of registration during each of the last four years, in any one or in different towns of the State, will find the following Table suited to the purpose :

TABLE XV.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in each town in Rhode Island, in each of the four years 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Births in 1881.	Births in 1882.	Births in 1883.	Births in 1884.	Marriages in 1881.	Marriages in 1882.	Marriages in 1883.	Marriages in 1884.	Deaths in 1881.	Deaths in 1882.	Deaths in 1883.	Deaths in 1884.
Barrington.....	13	27	21	20	14	8	10	11	15	10	14	16
Bristol.....	147	143	155	131	51	43	40	33	112	107	116	113
Warren.....	79	89	82	108	56	38	45	35	77	71	72	72
BRISTOL COUNTY.....	239	259	258	259	121	89	95	79	204	188	202	201
Coventry.....	104	105	97	95	32	26	23	19	108	87	81	82
East Greenwich.....	67	58	66	56	49	41	38	29	57	51	57	39
West Greenwich.....	31	21	22	18	7	1	5	4	15	16	11	18
Warwick.....	263	270	321	335	102	118	107	108	159	161	153	136
KENT COUNTY.....	465	454	506	504	190	186	173	160	339	315	302	275
Jamestown.....	11	4	5	10	.....	2	2	1	7	5	4	10
Little Compton.....	9	17	11	9	11	10	8	11	21	20	23	16
Middletown.....	24	26	16	33	5	8	7	2	15	7	12	14
New Shoreham.....	20	27	32	31	3	5	6	12	19	13	20	21
Portsmouth.....	40	25	29	29	9	11	16	5	25	35	27	29
Tiverton.....	52	63	43	53	24	23	21	23	40	39	33	44
TOWNS, NEWPORT CO....	156	162	136	165	52	59	69	54	127	119	119	184
NEWPORT CITY.....	349	501	587	570	117	137	131	134	253	297	311	274
Burrillville.....	138	118	100	115	44	34	26	30	79	78	86	85
* Cranston.....	123	128	133	134	25	29	22	19	90	109	108	109
Cumberland.....	172	149	176	174	62	64	71	62	97	136	146	158
East Providence.....	124	153	138	154	45	44	53	45	87	82	97	105
Foster.....	15	12	25	17	22	10	17	13	32	16	31	24
Glocester.....	41	46	49	39	20	17	10	20	49	22	23	31
Johnston.....	139	154	119	170	27	27	33	26	60	74	47	83
Lincoln.....	432	362	391	401	99	115	115	160	318	220	274	283
North Providence.....	29	22	21	24	1	2	3	3	11	19	17	16
North Smithfield.....	68	65	50	74	33	23	22	22	41	41	37	36
Pawtucket.....	519	457	527	557	236	219	214	197	342	350	390	353
Scituate.....	71	63	79	69	42	35	37	47	48	51	71	58
Smithfield.....	66	40	54	62	25	26	24	14	32	24	27	24
Woonsocket.....	441	457	411	447	176	166	154	157	315	344	311	282
TOWNS, PROVIDENCE CO..	2,378	2,226	2,273	2,437	860	811	801	815	1,681	1,666	1,707	1,742
PROVIDENCE CITY.....	2,803	2,788	2,916	2,956	1,202	1,172	1,177	1,114	2,145	2,242	2,357	2,233
Charlestown.....	13	18	14	25	14	7	13	12	11	7	12	16
Exeter.....	20	29	22	20	12	6	17	11	23	18	19	18
Hopkinton.....	62	52	49	52	32	29	34	29	56	40	39	24
North Kingstown.....	99	86	82	80	29	23	23	23	58	55	41	50
South Kingstown.....	85	111	108	73	40	36	35	10	51	57	42	52
Richmond.....	32	23	23	27	6	4	8	39	26	15	20	16
Westerly.....	60	116	72	137	75	75	44	48	42	55	48	106
WASHINGTON COUNTY....	371	435	370	414	208	180	174	172	267	247	221	282
WHOLE STATE.....	6,761	6,825	7,046	7,305	2,750	2,634	2,611	2,558	5,016	5,074	5,282	5,141

* Exclusive of deaths in State Institutions.

† Inclusive of deaths in State Institutions.

TABLE XVI.

Showing the proportions of Births, Marriages and Deaths to the population, in the aggregate for the whole State, in each of the last sixteen years.

YEARS.	BIRTHS.		MARRIAGES.		DEATHS.		
	Number.	Of population one birth in every	Number.	Of population one person married in every	Number.	Of population one death in every	Deaths in every 1,000 of the population.
1869.....	5,245	41.4	2,289	47.5	3,382	64.2	15.6
1870.....	5,215	41.7	2,362	46.0	3,238	67.1	14.9
1871.....	5,678	38.2	2,336	46.5	3,444	65.0	15.4
1872.....	6,143	35.4	2,537	42.9	4,247	51.2	19.5
1873.....	6,022	36.1	2,630	41.3	4,403	49.4	20.3
1874.....	6,466	39.9	2,541	50.8	4,229	61.1	16.4
1875.....	6,508	39.7	2,485	52.0	4,317	59.8	16.7
1876.....	6,329	40.8	2,253	57.3	4,116	62.7	15.9
1877.....	6,235	41.4	2,282	56.6	4,450	58.0	17.2
1878.....	6,714	38.5	2,324	55.7	4,441	58.1	17.2
1879.....	6,350	43.6	96	57.8	4,472	61.9	16.0
1880.....	6,295	43.9	2	49.9	4,829	57.3	17.5
1881.....	6,761	40.9	2	50.3	5,016	55.1	18.1
1882.....	6,825	40.5	2,634	52.5	5,074	54.5	18.3
1883.....	7,046	39.2	2,611	52.9	5,232	52.4	19.1
1884.....	7,305	41.7	2,558	59.4	5,141	59.2	16.1

The above proportions were computed upon the basis of the last semi-decennial census previous to the year in which the events occurred, except when they occurred in the year in which the census was taken, and in one or two instances when the reports were delayed until after taking the enumeration of the inhabitants in June.

The increase in the number of births, during the last sixteen years, has not kept quite equal pace with the increase of population, although the proportion of the births, in 1884, to the estimated population at the middle of the year (304,238), was exactly the same as in 1870, which was based on the census enumeration of that year. The same causes, however, that now exist to lessen the proportion of births to population, were in existence with equal force at that time.

The subject of birth rate in Rhode Island was considered at some

larger extent, in the Thirty-first Registration Report, where a comparison was made with the birth rate of some other countries.

With the ratio of marriage to population there has been a decided diminution, as may be seen in Table XVI.

During the six years from 1869 to 1874, inclusive, the average proportion of persons married was one in every 45.8 of the population, or 21.8 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.

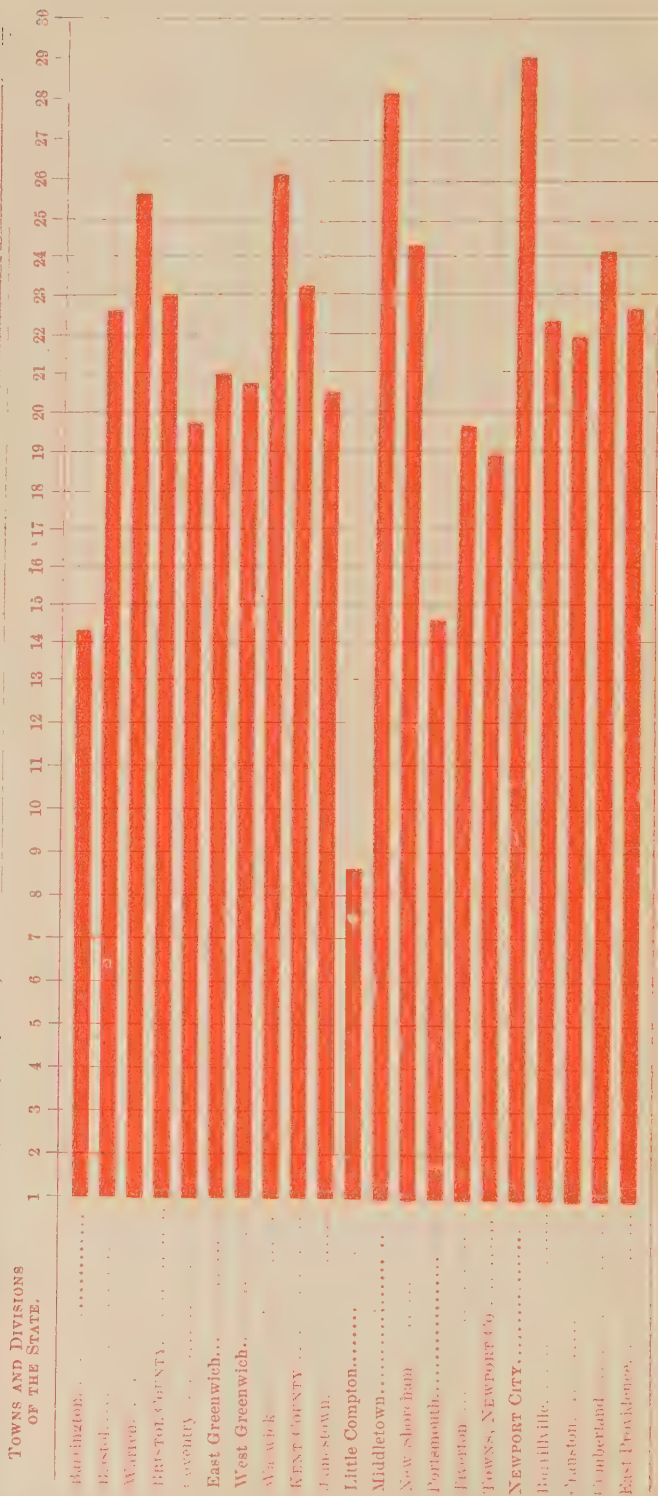
During the six years from 1879 to 1884, inclusive, the average annual proportion of persons married was one in every 53.8 of the population, or 18.2 persons married in every 1,000 of the population.

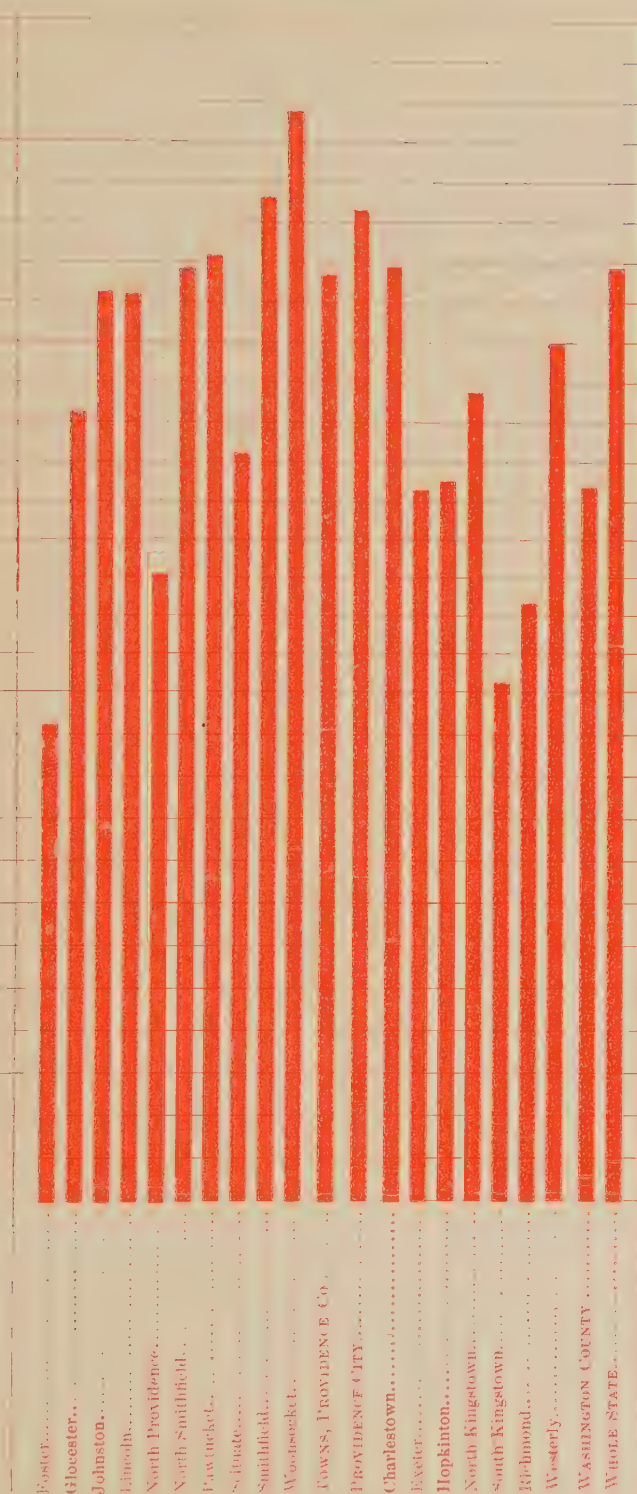
Table XVI also shows that the death rate has apparently increased, although the more complete returns of all the deaths, during later years, will account for part of the increase.

BIRTH RATES.

Diagram 1.—Showing the number of births in each town of the population, in each town and each county in the State, during the year 1884, computed by the Census of 1885.

For explanation see foot note on next page.



TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS
OF THE STATE.

The figures at the top of the perpendicular lines indicate, in whole numbers, the number of births during the year in every 1,000 persons. The spaces are fractional parts of one. For instance, the heavy horizontal line against Barrington reaches across about one-third of the space between the perpendicular lines 14 and 15. It shows the birth rate of Barrington in 1884, was about fourteen and three tenths in every 1,000 of the population, according to the census of 1880.

BIRTHS, 1884.

The general statistics of births in Rhode Island, during the year 1884, derived from the returns sent to this office, may be found on pages 2 to 6, inclusive, in Tables I, II and III.

The whole number reported is 7,305, as before stated, and is 259 more than that of 1883.

SEX OF THE CHILDREN BORN.

Of the 7,305 children whose births were reported in 1884, there were 3,713 males and 3,592 females. This gives 103.4 males to each 100 females, or 508.3 males and 491.7 females in each 1,000 children.

The following Table shows the numbers and sex, and the proportions of each sex of the children born in Rhode Island, in each of the last thirty-one years:

TABLE XVII.

Years.	Males.	Females.	Males to each	
			100 Females.	Males. Females.
1854.....	1,081.....	1,003.....	107.8, or.....	518.7 and 481.3 in each 1000
1855.....	1,492.....	1,421.....	105.0, or.....	512.2 and 487.8 in each 1000
1856.....	1,479.....	1,407.....	105.1, or.....	512.5 and 487.5 in each 1000
1857.....	2,057.....	1,948.....	105.6, or.....	513.6 and 486.4 in each 1000
1858.....	2,200.....	2,053.....	107.2, or.....	517.3 and 482.7 in each 1000
1859.....	2,209.....	2,097.....	105.3, or.....	513.0 and 487.0 in each 1000
1860.....	2,263.....	2,212.....	102.3, or.....	505.7 and 494.3 in each 1000
1861.....	2,531.....	2,291.....	110.5, or.....	524.9 and 475.1 in each 1000
1862.....	2,152.....	1,967.....	109.4, or.....	522.5 and 477.5 in each 1000
1863.....	1,892.....	1,288.....	105.8, or.....	514.1 and 485.9 in each 1000
1864.....	1,949.....	1,942.....	100.3, or.....	500.9 and 499.1 in each 1000
1865.....	2,096.....	1,857.....	112.9, or.....	530.2 and 469.8 in each 1000
1866.....	2,546.....	2,356.....	108.0, or.....	519.4 and 480.6 in each 1000
1867.....	2,665.....	2,464.....	107.0, or.....	518.7 and 481.3 in each 1000
1868.....	2,745.....	2,627.....	104.5, or.....	511.0 and 489.0 in each 1000
1869.....	2,685.....	2,560.....	104.9, or.....	511.9 and 488.1 in each 1000
1870.....	2,679.....	2,536.....	105.6, or.....	513.7 and 486.3 in each 1000
1871.....	2,878.....	2,800.....	102.8, or.....	506.9 and 493.1 in each 1000
1872.....	3,085.....	3,058.....	100.9, or.....	502.2 and 497.8 in each 1000
1873.....	3,135.....	2,887.....	108.6, or.....	520.6 and 479.4 in each 1000
1874.....	3,311.....	3,155.....	104.9, or.....	512.1 and 487.9 in each 1000
1875.....	3,362.....	3,146.....	106.9, or.....	516.6 and 483.4 in each 1000
1876.....	3,291.....	3,038.....	108.3, or.....	520.0 and 480.0 in each 1000
1877.....	3,163.....	3,072.....	103.0, or.....	507.3 and 492.7 in each 1000
1878.....	3,402.....	3,312.....	102.7, or.....	506.7 and 493.3 in each 1000
1879.....	3,259.....	3,091.....	105.4, or.....	513.2 and 486.8 in each 1000
1880.....	3,241.....	3,054.....	106.8, or.....	514.8 and 485.2 in each 1000
1881.....	3,498.....	3,263.....	107.2, or.....	517.3 and 482.7 in each 1000
1882.....	3,509.....	3,316.....	105.8, or.....	514.1 and 485.9 in each 1000
1883.....	3,548.....	3,498.....	101.4, or.....	503.5 and 496.5 in each 1000
1884.....	3,713.....	3,592.....	103.4, or.....	508.3 and 491.7 in each 1000

Of the 259 children born in 1884 in excess of the number born in 1883, one hundred and sixty-five were males, and ninety-four were females. The excess of males over the previous year was greater than for several years. The number of female births was scarcely more than half the excess of that of the year 1883 over the previous year.

There is no regularity governing the difference of increase of births from year to year, in relation to sex, except that there is always a preponderance of males.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES.

In Table II, on pages 4 and 5, may be found the number of the children born in the different divisions of the State during the year, and in the several months of the year, with the number of each sex respectively.

The following Table will present, in a more concise manner, the whole number of children of each sex, and of both sexes, in each division, whose births were recorded during 1884, and also the number of males to each 100 females in the same :

TABLE XVIII.

BIRTHS, 1884.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County Towns.	Providence County Towns.	Washington County.	Newport City.	Total.	Providence City.	Whole State.
Males.....	133	266	84	1,234	206	270	2,193	1,520	3,713
Females.....	126	238	81	1,203	208	300	2,156	1,436	3,592
Total.....	259	504	165	2,437	414	570	4,349	2,956	7,305
Males to each 100 Females..	105.5	111.7	103.7	102.5	99.0	90.0	101.7	105.8	103.4

The difference in the proportion of the sexes born in Providence city and the rest of the State is noticeable, and more particularly the proportions in Kent county.

These differences are, however, very much less than have occurred during some years, as may be seen by Table XIX.

The following Table shows the proportions of the sexes, born during each of the last twenty-two years, in each of the larger divisions of the State, and in the whole State :

TABLE XIX.

NUMBER OF MALES TO EACH 100 FEMALES.

BIRTHS.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
1863.....	120.0	98.4	97.0	101.8	111.4	108.7	105.8
1864.....	106.8	87.3	90.6	107.4	97.3	103.4	100.3
1865.....	119.3	118.2	108.8	118.9	113.8	88.1	112.9
1866.....	109.4	113.1	103.4	104.9	108.4	124.0	108.0
1867.....	115.5	98.3	117.8	106.3	104.5	120.4	107.7
1868.....	117.4	88.7	100.2	101.6	102.4	136.5	104.5
1869.....	115.7	116.7	102.7	98.0	107.5	120.6	104.9
1870.....	126.4	111.6	100.0	105.1	104.9	99.5	105.6
1871.....	131.8	97.9	132.5	100.8	95.2	113.3	102.8
1872.....	109.2	92.8	109.1	103.5	95.7	110.6	100.9
1873.....	129.2	113.0	117.9	104.5	109.0	104.7	108.6
1874.....	98.7	111.9	101.3	110.4	102.9	94.0	104.9
1875.....	95.2	103.1	97.7	104.3	109.1	134.3	106.9
1876.....	142.1	104.4	108.5	108.0	106.8	103.7	108.3
1877.....	138.7	102.4	98.5	100.3	104.9	95.3	103.0
1878.....	120.5	120.3	94.8	101.5	106.8	78.8	102.7
1879.....	124.3	95.5	103.6	105.4	105.7	106.3	105.4
1880.....	117.2	110.5	113.0	102.4	107.6	95.4	106.1
1881.....	91.2	111.3	102.0	105.9	109.0	115.7	107.2
1882.....	94.7	110.2	112.5	103.1	106.5	105.7	105.8
1883.....	94.0	97.6	97.0	103.5	102.2	102.2	101.4
1884.....	105.5	111.7	92.9	102.5	105.8	99.0	103.4

The following summary will show the number of males to each 100 females, born during the twenty-two years from 1863 to 1884, in the different divisions of the State :

Bristol County.....	115.1 males to each 100 females.
Kent County.....	104.9 males to each 100 females.
Newport County.....	105.1 males to each 100 females.
Providence County Towns.....	104.6 males to each 100 females.
Providence City.....	105.3 males to each 100 females.
Washington County.....	107.7 males to each 100 females.
Whole State.....	105.3 males to each 100 females.

BIRTHS AND SEASON.

In Table II, on pages 4 and 5 of this report, may be found the whole number of births as they occurred in the different months, and in the different divisions of the State, during 1884.

An examination of that Table will show that the largest number of births in any one month, was in the month of December, and the largest number, in any quarter of the year, was in the third quarter.

This last circumstance is not in accordance with the rule of thirty-one years of registration. The last quarter has almost invariably given the largest number of births.

The following Table shows the total number of children born in the State of Rhode Island, according to the returns, in each quarter of each of the last six years; and also the aggregate number and the percentage of the aggregate of each quarter in the last thirty-one years, from 1854 to 1884, inclusive:

TABLE XX.

QUARTERS.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1854 to 1884, inc.	
							Number.	Per cent.
January—March.....	1,734	1,641	1,616	1,534	1,521	1,465	38,448	23.67
April—June.....	1,755	1,668	1,622	1,661	1,483	1,556	38,304	23.58
July—September.....	1,868	1,893	1,711	1,746	1,640	1,653	42,457	26.14
October—December.....	1,948	1,844	1,876	1,820	1,651	1,676	43,218	26.61
Whole year.....	7,305	7,046	6,825	6,761	6,295	6,350	162,427	100.00

By the above Table it will be seen that, according to the registration of thirty-one years, the average proportions of births in the different quarters of the year were as follows:

January—March.....	236.7 in every 1,000 births.
April—June.....	235.8 in every 1,000 births.
July—September.....	261.4 in every 1,000 births.
October—December.....	266.1 in every 1,000 births.

During the last three months of the year the average was about thirty more, in every thousand births, than in either the first or second three months, and scarcely five more in a thousand than in the third quarterly period.

The proportions of the births, in the different quarters of the year 1884, were as follows :

January—March.....	23.74 per cent., or.....	237.4 in every 1,000
April—June.....	24.03 per cent., or.....	240.3 in every 1,000
July—September.....	25.57 per cent., or.....	255.7 in every 1,000
October—December.....	26.66 per cent., or.....	266.6 in every 1,000
	100.00	1,000.0

First six months	477.7 births in every one thousand.
Second six months.....	522.3 births in every one thousand.

BIRTHS : SEX AND SEASON.

In Table II, on pages 4 and 5, will also be found the number of births of each sex, by months, as they occurred in the different divisions of the State, during the year 1884. From it we ascertain the number of each of the sexes born during each quarter of the year, with their relative proportions ; and also the aggregates and proportions of the same for the whole State.

The following Table will present a summary of the quarterly periods, number of births and proportions of the sexes, for the same :

	Males to each				
	Males.	Females.	100 Females.	Males.	Females.
1. January—March.....	858.....	876.....	98.1, or.....	49.4 and 50.6	in each 100
2. April—June.....	925.....	880.....	111.4, or.....	52.7 and 47.3	in each 100
3. July—September.....	955.....	918.....	104.6, or.....	51.1 and 48.9	in each 100
4. October—December....	975.....	973.....	100.2, or.....	50.0 and 50.0	in each 100
Whole year, 1884.....	3,713.....	3,592.....	103.4, or.....	50.8 and 49.2	in each 100

The following Table shows the number of male children born to each 100 female children, in each quarter of the last five years, and also the proportion of births of male children to each 100 female children born, during three periods of five years each, from 1866 to 1880, inclusive :

TABLE XXI.

YEARS.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	5 years, 1876-1880.	5 years, 1871-1875.	5 years, 1866-1870.
First Quarter.....	98.1	98.6	105.6	113.5	109.7	106.0	101.5	106.7
Second Quarter.....	111.4	98.7	106.1	100.6	98.2	102.7	104.7	107.3
Third Quarter.....	104.6	107.5	107.4	107.8	103.4	107.1	104.8	106.0
Fourth Quarter.....	100.1	100.2	104.4	106.6	113.0	108.2	106.5	104.8
⁴ Total average.....	103.4	101.4	105.8	107.2	106.1	106.2	104.2	106.2

By the foregoing Table and summary it would appear that season has but very little influence in the causation of sex, or of any considerable difference in the number of births of either sex.

The following summary will show the proportions of the sexes born in the State in each quarter of the year, in the aggregate of a period of twenty years :

Males to each

100 Females.

Males. Females.

1. January—March.....105.8, or.....514.1 and 485.9 in every 1,000 births.
2. April—June.....106.4, or.....515.5 and 484.5 in every 1,000 births.
3. July—September.....104.3, or.....508.5 and 491.5 in every 1,000 births.
4. October—December.....106.4, or.....515.5 and 484.5 in every 1,000 births.

Whole Number, 20 years.....105.6, or.....513.7 and 486.3 in every 1,000 births.

PARENTAGE.

By reference to Table I, page 2, in the division of births, there will be found the parentage of the children born in Rhode Island, during the year 1884. It will be seen that of the whole number—7,305—there were 3,064 of American parentage, 2,987 foreign, and 1,254 of mixed parentage.

By mixed parentage is meant the children born of American fathers and foreign mothers, and of foreign fathers and American mothers. Of American fathers there were 567, and of foreign fathers 687.

The following Table will show the number and parentage of the children born in the State, and the variations of the same from year to year, in each of the last five years; and also the number and variations occurring in five periods of five years each, from 1858 to 1882, inclusive :

TABLE XXII.

PARENTAGE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	5 years. 1878 to 1882.	5 years. 1873 to 1877.	5 years. 1868 to 1872.	5 years. 1863 to 1867.	5 years. 1858 to 1862.
Amer. fath. and mo..	3,064	2,944	2,915	2,859	2,741	14,169	13,431	12,214	9,712	10,609
Foreign fath. and mo.	2,987	2,930	2,788	2,798	2,555	13,562	13,990	12,366	9,968	9,697
Amer. fath. for. mo..	567	575	512	493	417	2,327	1,782	1,353	876	814
For. fath. Amer. mo.	687	597	610	611	582	2,887	2,357	1,720	941	755
Parentage not stated.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	223
Total.....	7,305	7,046	6,825	6,761	6,295	32,945	31,560	27,653	21,567	22,098

The following Table of *percentages* may show in a different and perhaps clearer way, the changes that have occurred in the proportions of the births in the different classes of parentage during the last five years, and during twenty-five years, from 1858 to 1882, inclusive, in five equal periods :

TABLE XXIII.

PARENTAGE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	5 years. 1878 to 1882.	5 years. 1873 to 1877.	5 years. 1868 to 1872.	5 years. 1863 to 1867.	5 years. 1858 to 1862.
Amer. fath. and mo..	41.94	41.78	42.71	42.29	43.55	43.03	42.55	44.17	45.18	48.50
Foreign fath. and mo.	40.90	41.58	40.85	41.38	40.60	41.23	44.35	44.72	46.37	44.33
Amer. fath. for. mo..	7.76	8.16	7.50	7.29	6.62	6.95	5.84	4.89	4.07	3.72
For. fath. Amer. mo.	9.40	8.48	8.94	9.04	9.23	8.79	7.26	6.22	4.38	3.45
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

The changes in the birth rates of the two general classes of population in Rhode Island, that is, of foreign born and native American born, and also of the intermixture by marriage in the two classes, during a period of twenty-seven years, are shown in the two preceding Tables.

The increase of the proportions of births of children of mixed parentage will be noticed, those of American father and foreign mother having more than doubled, and those of foreign father and American mother having nearly trebled.

In addition to Tables XXII and XXIII, the following Table will

show the percentages of children born of American and of foreign born fathers, and of American and foreign born mothers, in each of the last five years, and in each of five periods of five years each, from 1858 to 1882, inclusive :

TABLE XXIV.

CHILDREN WITH	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	5 years. 1878 to 1882.	5 years. 1873 to 1877.	5 years. 1868 to 1872.	5 years. 1863 to 1867.	5 years. 1858 to 1862.
American fathers.....	49.70	49.94	50.21	49.58	50.17	50.08	48.40	49.06	49.25	52.22
Foreign fathers.....	50.30	50.06	49.79	50.42	49.83	49.92	51.60	50.94	50.75	47.78
American mothers...	51.35	50.26	51.65	51.33	52.78	51.79	49.80	50.39	49.56	51.95
Foreign mothers.....	48.65	49.74	48.35	48.67	47.22	48.21	50.20	49.61	50.44	48.05

It will be observed that of the children born, in 1884, there were more who had foreign fathers than there were of those who had American fathers. If, now, the number of children born of parents who were themselves children of foreign born parents were added, and so comprising all of foreign parentage, the proportion of children of that class, born in 1884, would be very much larger than shown in Table XXIV.

BIRTHS OF COLORED CHILDREN.

The number of births of children of colored parentage reported for the year 1884 is 185. They are always included in the general statistics of births, but for various reasons they have had a separate consideration. The number is smaller by 12 than that of 1883.

In regard to sex, the numbers and proportions were as follows, viz.: Males, 91, females, 94; or 48.1 males to 51.9 females in every 100 births; or 96.8 males to each 100 females.

The following summary will show the changes that have occurred from year to year, in the proportions of the sexes of colored children born in Rhode Island, during the last nine years :

Years.	Whole Number.	Males.	Females.	
1876.....	171.....	64.....	107.....	or 59.8 males to each 100 females.
1877.....	168.....	86.....	82.....	or 104.8 males to each 100 females.
1878.....	172.....	79.....	93.....	or 85.0 males to each 100 females.
1879.....	159.....	84.....	75.....	or 113.5 males to each 100 females.
1880.....	140.....	75.....	65.....	or 115.4 males to each 100 females.
1881.....	102.....	101.....	91.....	or 111.0 males to each 100 females.
1882.....	179.....	76.....	103.....	or 73.7 males to each 100 females.
1883.....	197.....	100.....	97.....	or 103.1 males in each 100 females.
1884.....	185.....	91.....	94.....	or 96.8 males to each 100 females.

Table XXV will exhibit the number of births of colored children in the several towns and counties, during 1884:

TABLE XXV.

Showing Number, Sex, &c., of Colored Births, 1884.

TOWNS AND CITIES.	Whole Number.	Males.	Females.	COUNTIES.
Barrington.....	1		1	
Bristol.....	1		1	Bristol County..... 2
Coventry.....	1		1	
East Greenwich.....	5	1	4	
Warwick.....	6	4	2	Kent County..... 12
New Shoreham.....	1	1		
Newport City	42	22	20	Newport County..... 43
Cranston.....	2	1	1	
East Providence.....	1		1	
Johnston.....	1		1	
North Smithfield.....	1		1	
Pawtucket.....	3	2	1	
Providence City.....	114	58	56	Providence County... ..122
Exeter.....	1	1		
Hopkinton.....	1		1	
South Kingstown	2	1	1	
Westerly.....	2		2	Washington County..... 6
Total.....	185	91	94	185

NUMBER OF CHILD OF THE MOTHER.

The following Table shows the number of the child of the mother ; that is, how many of the children born were reported as the first, second, or third child, etc., of their respective mothers. The statistics on this subject begin with the year 1857, and the following Table includes the children reported in 1882, 1883 and 1884, and also the total for twenty-five years, 1857 to 1881, inclusive :

TABLE XXVI.

NUMBER OF THE CHILD OF THE MOTHER.	1882.	1883.	1884.	25 years. 1857-1881.
First.....	1,704	1,764	1,847	31,735
Second.....	1,189	1,365	1,356	26,110
Third.....	989	1,026	1,087	20,468
Fourth.....	805	822	777	15,423
Fifth.....	628	614	643	11,491
Sixth.....	481	443	472	8,330
Seventh.....	365	343	374	5,837
Eighth.....	245	245	269	3,996
Ninth.....	171	169	187	2,624
Tenth.....	93	106	103	1,711
Eleventh.....	56	64	81	984
Twelfth.....	50	37	49	602
Thirteenth.....	30	23	32	308
Fourteenth.....	12	9	16	151
Fifteenth.....	2	7	5	91
Sixteenth.....	4	2	0	49
Seventeenth.....	0	6	4	29
Eighteenth.....	1	1	2	8
Nineteenth.....	0	0	0	5
Twentieth.....	0	0	1	3
Twenty-first.....	0	0	0	3
Twenty-second.....	0	0	0	2
Total.....	6,825	7,046	7,305	129,960

There was a larger proportion of births of the first child of the mother, during 1884, than for several previous years, and larger than the average of sixteen years. There was, also, a very largely increased proportion of births of the eleventh child of the mother.

There has been an increase of births, during the last four or five years, of children who were the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth child of the mother, an increase considerably greater in proportion than the increase of population. The increase even extends to those of mothers who have had more than thirteen children.

The proportion of each class to the whole number will be shown by the following Table, which gives the percentage of the children born in each of the last six years, who were respectively the first, second, third, etc., children of the mothers, and which will also give the average percentage of each class of births, during a period of ten years, from 1868 to 1877, inclusive, and of five years, 1878 to 1882, inclusive:

TABLE XXVII.

NUMBER OF THE CHILD.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	5 years. 1878 to 1882.	10 years. 1868 to 1877.
First.....	25.28	25.03	24.96	22.92	23.50	22.59	23.1	25.2
Second.....	18.56	19.37	17.42	19.31	17.84	18.80	18.7	20.7
Third.....	14.88	14.56	14.50	15.10	16.11	15.87	16.9	15.5
Fourth.....	10.64	11.66	11.80	12.07	12.24	12.74	12.2	11.4
Fifth.....	8.80	8.71	9.17	9.35	9.23	9.33	9.1	8.4
First to Fifth...	78.16	79.34	77.85	78.75	78.92	79.33	80.0	81.1
Sixth and over.....	21.84	20.67	22.15	21.25	21.08	20.67	20.0	18.9
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

PLURALITY BIRTHS.

The general statistics in relation to plural births, in Rhode Island, may be found on page 6, in Table III.

There were ninety-one cases during the year, all of which were twins, or one hundred and eighty-two children.

Of the 182 children of plural births, 87 were males, and 95 were females.

The cases occurred in the different divisions of the State as follows: Bristol county, 2; Kent county, 3; Newport county towns, 1; Newport city, 17; Providence county towns, 21; Providence city, 43; Washington county, 4.

The following exhibit will show the parentage of children of plurality birth in Rhode Island, in 1884, and number of each:

Parents, Native American, or born in the United States.....	50
“ born in Ireland.....	46
“ “ France, or French Canadians.....	12
“ “ England.....	6
“ “ Scotland.....	10
“ “ Germany.....	4
“ “ Sweden.....	8
“ “ British America.....	2
“ “ Brazil.....	2
“ “ Spain.....	2
“ “ Italy.....	2
American father and Irish mother.....	12
American father and English mother.....	4
American father and French mother.....	2
Scotch father and Irish mother.....	2
Scotch father and American mother.....	4
Irish father and American mother.....	6
Irish father and English mother.....	2
Irish father and Welsh mother.....	2
English father and American mother.....	2
British American father and Irish mother.....	2
Total.....	182

The months in which the plurality births occurred were as follows :

January.....14	April.....14	July.....14	October.....16
February.....12	May.....14	August.....19	November.....26
March.....8	June.....16	September.....12	December.....24
First Quarter.....34	Second Quarter....44	Third Quarter.....38	Fourth Quarter....66
First half of year.....78	Second half of year.....104		
Total.....			182

The general statistics of births, and number of cases reported in Rhode Island during a period of thirty-one years, that is, from 1854 to 1884, inclusive, are as follows :

158,970 cases of single births.....	giving 158,970 children.
1,700 cases of twin births.....	giving 3,400 children.
19 cases of triple births.....	giving 57 children.
160,689 cases of child birth.....	giving 162,427 children.

Of the whole number of cases of child-birth (160,689) during the thirty-one years, one in 94.5 produced twins, and one in 8,457 produced triplets.

Of the whole number of children born, during the same period (162,427), ascertained from the reports, one in every 47.8 was a twin, and one in every 2,850 was a triplet.

Of the 1,719 cases of plurality births which have occurred in the State during the last thirty-one years, there were 729 cases in which both parents were American; 823 cases in which both parents were foreign; 159 cases in which the parentage was mixed, that is, one American and one foreign parent; and 8 in which the parentage was not stated.

The whole number of children born in plurality cases, during the thirty-one years, was 3,457, of whom 1,733 were males, and 1,720 were females; the sex of the remaining four was not given.

STILL-BORN.

The whole number of still-born children reported in Rhode Island, for the year 1884, was 272; this number is 19 more than for the years 1883 and 1882, and 8 more than for 1881.

The following are the numbers reported from the different divisions of the State:

Bristol County.....	11
Kent County....	6
Newport County Towns....	3
Newport City.....	18
Providence County Towns....	65
Providence City.....	164
Washington County....	5
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Whole State.....	272

The following Table will give the number in each town from which still-births were reported:

TABLE XXVIII.

Still-Born, 1884. Locality, Number, Sex, Parentage and Color.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	Whole Number.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		COLOR.	
		Males.	Females.	*American.	*Foreign.	White.	Colored.
Bristol.....	7	4	3	7	.....	6	1
Warren	4	3	1	2	2	4	.....
BRISTOL COUNTY.....	11	7	4	9	2	10	1
Coventry.....	4	3	1	4	.....	4	.....
East Greenwich.....	2	1	1	1	1	2	.....
KENT COUNTY.....	6	4	2	5	1	6	.....
Tiverton.....	3	2	1	.....	3	3	.....
TOWNS, NEWPORT COUNTY.....	3	2	1	.....	3	3	.....
NEWPORT CITY.....	18	16	2	11	7	15	3
Burrillville.....	4	2	2	3	1	4	.....
Cranston.....	3	2	1	.....	3	3	.....
Cumberland.....	4	3	1	1	3	4	.....
East Providence.....	3	3	.....	1	2	3	.....
Foster.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Johnston.....	6	3	3	2	4	6	.....
Lincoln.....	8	4	4	2	6	8	.....
Pawtucket.....	20	10	10	11	9	20	.....
Scituate.....	4	2	2	3	1	4	.....
Woonsocket.....	12	7	5	3	9	12	.....
TOWNS, PROVIDENCE COUNTY.....	65	36	29	27	38	65	.....
PROVIDENCE CITY.....	164	110	54	79	85	155	9
Charlestown.....	3	1	2	2	1	3	.....
South Kingstown.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Westerly.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
WASHINGTON COUNTY.....	5	3	2	4	1	5	.....
WHOLE STATE.....	272	178	94	135	137	259	13

* By mothers.

Sex.—Of the still-born children which were among the births during 1883, the number of each sex was equal within one. That very unusual event is scarcely likely to occur again. The rule has been a very large preponderance of the male sex.

During 1884 the proportions were more in accordance with the rule of more than thirty years. The excess of males was, however, in much larger proportion than the average of the long term, that is, 178 males and 94 females, or 190 males to each 100 females, or 53 females to each 100 males.

Parentage.—There were 135 still-born children in 1884, of American parents, and 137 of foreign parents. The proportion is more nearly equal than usual.

Owing to some illegitimate still-born, the parentage is reckoned by the mothers.

Color.—The number of colored still-born was 13, as against 14 in 1883.

Season.—The number of still-born children reported in each of the several months of 1884 was as follows:

January.....	22	May.....	21	September.....	16
February.....	23	June.....	24	October.....	24
March.....	21	July.....	26	November.....	27
April.....	23	August.....	17	December.....	28
Total.....		272			

SUMMARY OF STILL-BORN.

The following Table shows the number and sex of the still-born children whose births were reported in Rhode Island, during each of the last six years, and also of a period extending from January 1, 1854, to December 31, 1884:

TABLE XXIX.

SEX.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	January 1, 1854, to Dec. 31, 1884.
Males.....	178	132	138	169	123	124	3,675
Females.....	94	121	115	95	60	92	2,552
Total.....	272	253	253	264	192	216	6,227

It will be seen that the whole number of still-births reported in the State, since January 1, 1854, is 6,227. Of the sex of this number, there were 3,675 males, and 2,552 females. The ratio of occurrence, in regard to sex, would therefore be as follows: In each 100 children there were about 59 males, and 41 females; or for every 100 females there were nearly 150 males.

Season of Still-Births.—The following summary will show the number of still-births that have been reported, in Rhode Island, during a period of thirty-one years, from 1854 to 1884, inclusive, with the months and quarters in which they occurred:

STILL-BORN—THIRTY-ONE YEARS, 1854-1884.—SEASON.			
January.....548	April..... 479	July..... 531	October..... 480
February.....524	May..... 480	August..... 633	November..... 520
March..... 482	June..... 468	September..... 509	December..... 573
First Quarter...1,554	Second Quarter..1,427	Third Quarter...1,673	Fourth Quarter..1,573

First six months, 2,981; Second six months, 3,246; Total, 6,227.

Taking the quarterly periods, it will be seen that the occurrence of still-births, in the order of from the smallest to the largest number, has been as follows: 1st, Second quarter; 2d, First quarter; 3d, Fourth quarter; 4th, Third quarter. In accordance with the general birth rate, the last half of the year has considerably the largest proportion.

PARENTAGE OF THE STILL-BORN.

Of the 272 still-born children reported in 1884, there were 132 of American, and 133 of foreign parentage, reckoned by the nativity of the fathers, that is, the father's name given; and 135 of American and 137 of foreign, reckoned by the nativity of the mothers.

To show the changes that have occurred from year to year in the percentages of parentage of *the still-born*, reckoning by the parentage of the mothers, in contrast with the percentages of the same nativities to the *whole number of births*, reckoned by the parentage of the father, the following resumé, for various years and periods of years, is presented:

Of Whole Number Births.

Of Whole Number Still-Born.

Years.	Of Whole Number Births.		Of Whole Number Still-Born.	
	American.	Foreign.	American.	Foreign.
1871.....	49.36	50.64	41.00	59.00
1872.....	47.59	52.41	41.25	58.75
1873.....	50.30	49.70	59.21	40.79
1874.....	47.14	52.86	50.00	50.00
1875.....	47.88	52.12	49.19	50.81
1876.....	46.43	53.57	45.76	54.24
1877.....	49.41	50.59	53.31	46.69
1878.....	49.35	50.65	55.65	44.35
1879.....	50.53	49.47	54.63	45.37
1880.....	50.17	49.83	54.16	45.84
1881.....	49.60	50.40	48.10	51.90
1882.....	50.21	49.79	50.58	49.42
1883.....	49.94	50.06	50.98	49.02
1884.....	49.91	50.09	49.63	50.37
14 years,				
1859-1872.....	50.54	49.46	41.25	58.75
10 years,				
1873-1882.....	49.10	50.90	51.84	48.16

ILLEGITIMATES.—1884.

The following Table will exhibit the number, sex, color, parentage and locality of birth of illegitimates in Rhode Island, during 1884 :

TABLE XXX.

TOWNS.	Whole Number.	SEX.		COLOR.		PARENTAGE.		Alms-houses or Penal Institutions.
		Males.	Females.	Black.	White.	American.	Foreign.	
Warren.....	1	1			1	1		
Coventry.....	3	1	2		3	2	1	
East Greenwich.....	1		1	1		1		
Warwick.....	1		1		1	1		
Middletown.....	1		1		1	1		
New Shoreham.....	1	1		1		1		
Newport City.....	11	7	4	4	7	11		1
Burrillville.....	2	2			2	2		
Cranston.....	9	5	4		9	3	6	8
Foster.....	2	1	1		2	2		
Johnston.....	2	1	1		2	2		
Woonsocket.....	1		1		1		1	
Providence City.....	12	7	5	2	10	6	6	3
Hopkinton.....	1	1			1	1		
South Kingstown.....	1	1			1	1		
Richmond.....	1		1		1	1		
Whole State.....	50	28	22	8	42	36	14	12

Sex.—There were 50 children born in the State, during 1884, of unmarried mothers, according to the returns. The number was the same as in 1883.

Of the 50 there were 28 males and 22 females.

The proportions were 127.2 males to every 100 females.

Color.—Of the 50 illegitimates born during 1884, 42 were white and 8 were colored.

The proportion, according to population, of white and colored, was about 8 illegitimates of color to one of white, that is, there are 42 whites to each person of color, by population, and there should

be, therefore, to retain the same proportion, only one illegitimate of color to 42 of white. The number of colored illegitimates, in 1883, was 15.

Parentage.—Of the 50 illegitimates in 1884, 36 were born of American mothers, and 14 of foreign born mothers. The colored illegitimates were of American parentage. There were, of the 42 white illegitimates, 28 born of American mothers, and 14 of foreign born mothers.

The parentage given is of native born and foreign born, that is, mothers born in the United States of foreign born parents are reckoned as of American parentage. Several of the illegitimates, classed as of American parentage, are the grandchildren of foreign born grand parents.

Twelve, or about one-quarter of the illegitimates, were born of pauper or criminal mothers, in public, charitable or penal institutions.

MARRIAGES, 1884.

The number of marriages reported in Rhode Island during the year 1884 was 2,558. This number is 53 less than in 1883, and 76 less than in 1882.

The general statistics of marriage in 1884, in relation to season and number in the different divisions of the State, may be found in Table IV, on the seventh page.

SEASON.

The following Table will show the number and percentage of marriages in Rhode Island, in each quarter of the year 1884, together with the aggregate number and percentage in each quarter for thirty years, viz., from 1854 to 1883, inclusive :

TABLE XXXI.

YEARS.		First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Whole Year.
1884.....	{ Number.....	583	669	574	732	2,558
	{ Percentage.....	22.79	26.11	22.44	28.66	100.00
30 yrs. 1854-1883	{ Number.....	13,996	15,646	14,651	18,555	62,848
	{ Percentage.....	22.27	24.89	23.32	29.52	100.00

The proportions of the number of marriages, in the different quarters of the year, to the whole number during the year 1884, were as follows: The largest proportion, 28.66 per cent., was in the last quarter; the next largest, 26.11 per cent., was in the second quarter; followed by the first quarter, 22.79 per cent.; and the third quarter, 22.44 per cent., the smallest proportion.

The proportions, during 1884, differed somewhat from the rule established by thirty years of registration, that is, the largest number of marriages during the last quarter, the next largest number during the second quarter, followed in that order by the third, and lastly by the first quarter.

In 1884 the least number was in the third quarter.

NATIVITY OF PERSONS MARRIED.

The following Table shows the *number* of marriages, according to the nativity of the parties, for each of the last six years, and also for the aggregate of five years, from 1878 to 1882, inclusive, and of twenty years, from 1858 to 1877, inclusive :

TABLE XXXII.

BIRTH-PLACE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	5 years. 1878-1882. Total.	20 years. 1858-1877. Total.
United States.....	1,410	1,428	1,500	1,638	1,775	1,511	7,879	25,674
Foreign countries.....	668	709	659	623	548	467	2,790	10,963
American groom, foreign bride ..	257	237	242	244	202	209	1,078	2,410
Foreign groom, American bride..	223	237	233	245	244	209	1,126	2,750
Not stated.....								64
Total.....	2,558	2,611	2,634	2,750	2,769	2,396	12,873	41,861

The number of marriages of whom both groom and bride were of American birth was less, in 1884, than in any one of the previous five years. The number was 18 less than in 1883, 90 less than in 1882, 228 less than in 1881, and 365 less than in 1880.

It has been a matter of previous comment that, notwithstanding the increase of persons of American birth, of both American and foreign parentage, the number of marriages of parties of whom both are of foreign birth had increased, from year to year, until 1884.

It will be observed that the number of marriages of parties of whom one was of American and the other of foreign birth has not varied very much, during the last three years; that of American groom, however, was increased in 1884 by 20 over the previous year, and the number of foreign groom was decreased by 14.

In the following Table are given the *percentages* of American, foreign and mixed marriages, in each of the last six years, and in the aggregate of five years, 1878 to 1882, inclusive, and of twenty years, 1858 to 1877, inclusive :

TABLE XXXIII.

BIRTH-PLACE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	5 years, 1878-1882	20 years, Total.
United States.....	55.12	54.69	56.95	59.56	64.10	63.06	61.25	61.38
Foreign countries.....	26.12	27.15	25.02	22.65	19.79	19.49	21.63	26.19
Mixed.....	18.76	18.16	18.03	17.79	16.11	17.45	17.12	12.48
Total.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

There was a small increase in the percentage of marriages of American born persons in 1884, and a small decrease in the percentage of marriages of foreign born. The marriages of persons of whom one was American born and the other foreign born was larger, in proportion, than during the previous year, which was only following the rule of many previous years.

AGES OF PERSONS MARRIED.

The number of persons married in Rhode Island, during the year 1884, in the different periods of life, is shown in Table V, on page eight. The number of each sex, in each division of age, can also be found in the following Table :

TABLE XXXIV.

1883.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 to 85.	85 to 90.	Not stated.
Males.....	64	926	744	354	184	94	66	34	39	25	20	5	3	.....	.....	.....
Females.....	420	1,101	545	215	123	58	48	30	9	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	484	2,027	1,289	569	307	152	114	64	48	30	23	6	3	.....	.....	.....

The number of marriages in 1884, of which the contracting parties greatly differed in respect to age, was less than in many previous years.

In one marriage the groom was 58, and the bride 18. In another marriage a groom between 65 and 70 took a bride between 25 and 30.

On the other hand, a bride between 50 and 55 years of age took for a husband a groom of between 35 and 40.

These are the extreme cases, and do not show a disparity of ages so great as in many former years.

The whole number of persons, in each division of ages of both sexes, married in Rhode Island, in each of the last nineteen years, that is, from 1866 to 1884, inclusive, is presented in the following Table:

TABLE XXXV.

YEARS.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 to 85.	85 to 90.	Not stated.
1866.....	693	1,931	1,025	419	213	127	81	59	25	21	12	7	.....	.....	.....	23
1867.....	696	1,886	1,104	416	211	148	91	48	37	18	18	5	3	1	...	6
1868.....	644	1,835	1,050	432	219	133	82	61	30	29	11	8	4	.....	.....	32
1869.....	642	1,814	1,051	468	227	134	79	46	35	15	11	2	3	2	.....	49
1870.....	744	1,883	1,084	415	216	159	56	34	26	24	12	3	2	.....	.....	6
1871.....	697	1,914	1,118	392	228	115	73	56	35	22	6	7	3	.....	.....	6
1872.....	786	2,073	1,182	434	237	131	81	61	43	21	13	6	1	.....	.....	5
1873.....	762	2,177	1,156	507	253	140	87	68	35	24	12	6	6	.....	.....	27
1874.....	770	1,992	1,179	459	268	159	101	52	36	39	8	9	1	.....	.....	9
1875.....	681	2,058	1,108	475	252	150	101	60	32	29	13	4	1	.....	.....	6
1876.....	691	1,741	1,041	450	224	154	80	53	27	19	12	1	2	.....	.....	9
1877.....	631	1,745	1,118	459	244	125	92	52	46	14	15	11	2	1	.....	9
1878.....	618	1,832	1,123	441	259	162	74	49	39	20	17	2	4	.....	.....	8
1879.....	639	1,879	1,156	481	272	123	78	56	39	26	18	9	2	2	1	11
1880.....	688	2,301	1,262	556	329	163	91	65	33	27	15	3	3	1	.....	1
1881.....	599	2,208	1,410	547	298	187	107	54	34	31	16	5	1	1	.....	2
1882.....	498	2,125	1,377	563	301	161	102	57	36	27	11	5	3	2	.....	.....
1883.....	497	2,108	1,370	486	319	183	115	73	31	20	14	3	2	1	.....	.....
1884.....	484	2,027	1,289	569	307	152	114	64	48	30	23	6	3	.....	.....	.....

The number of persons contracting marriage who have not attained the age of twenty years, has been gradually diminishing for the last twelve or fifteen years.

When we take into consideration the increased population, and the increased number of marriages which would naturally result therefrom, it will be obvious that the *proportion* to the whole number of marriages must be very much less.

The following summary will show the whole number of persons married, the number of persons married under twenty years of age,

and the percentages of marriages of persons under twenty years of age, during two periods of five years each, that is, from 1870 to 1874, inclusive, and from 1880 to 1884, inclusive :

	Whole number of persons married.	Number married under twenty years of age.	Percentage of persons married under twenty years of age.
1870 to 1874.....	24,812.....	3,759.....	15.2
1880 to 1884.....	26,644.....	2,766.....	10.4

The proportion of persons, under twenty years of age, who were married during 1884, was 9.4 per cent. of the whole number of persons married during the same year.

The gradually lessening proportions of persons under twenty years of age, who assume the obligations of marriage, may also be shown by taking several years at random, as shown in the following exhibit :

Years.	Married under 20 years of age.
1870.....	15.9 per cent. of whole number.
1872.....	15.5 per cent. of whole number.
1876.....	15.3 per cent. of whole number.
1880.....	12.4 per cent. of whole number.
1883.....	9.5 per cent. of whole number.
1884.....	9.4 per cent. of whole number.

PROPORTION OF SEX.

The following Table will show the percentages of *males* married, in each division of ages, in each of the last twenty-five years :

TABLE XXXVI.

YEARS.	Under 29.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 & over.	Total.
MALES.							
1860.....	5.0	42.8	26.9	16.3	5.7	3.3	100.00
1861.....	4.6	44.5	25.4	15.5	5.8	4.2	100.00
1862.....	4.2	37.8	27.9	18.3	5.9	5.9	100.00
1863.....	3.5	38.0	29.6	17.2	5.8	5.9	100.00
1864.....	4.3	38.8	27.3	17.9	7.4	4.3	100.00
1865.....	3.5	37.0	28.4	18.9	7.5	4.7	100.00
1866.....	5.3	40.9	27.0	16.4	6.3	4.1	100.00
1867.....	4.3	40.1	27.9	16.8	6.8	4.1	100.00
1868.....	4.1	39.9	28.2	17.1	6.1	4.6	100.00
1869.....	4.3	39.6	27.7	18.5	6.1	3.8	100.00
1870.....	4.8	40.4	28.1	16.0	6.4	4.3	100.00
1871.....	5.3	40.1	28.9	16.5	4.9	4.3	100.00
1872.....	4.3	41.3	28.2	16.6	5.2	4.4	100.00
1873.....	3.8	42.4	26.7	17.0	6.0	4.1	100.00
1874.....	4.1	40.4	27.2	17.5	6.4	4.4	100.00
1875.....	3.5	40.9	27.8	17.6	6.1	4.2	100.00
1876.....	5.1	37.5	28.6	17.9	5.6	4.3	100.00
1877.....	4.3	36.0	30.2	18.7	5.9	6.9	100.00
1878.....	2.9	38.5	29.0	18.0	6.3	4.3	100.00
1879.....	3.9	37.8	28.8	19.3	5.4	4.8	100.00
1880.....	3.6	38.9	27.5	19.9	5.8	4.3	100.00
1881.....	2.8	37.2	29.7	19.5	6.8	4.0	109.00
1882.....	2.2	36.0	31.4	20.0	6.1	4.3	100.00
1883.....	2.9	36.2	31.7	17.7	7.2	4.3	100.00
1884.....	2.5	36.2	29.1	21.0	6.2	5.0	100.00

The following Table will show the percentages of *females* married, in each division of ages, in each of the last twenty-five years :

TABLE XXXVII.

	YEARS.	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 & over.	Total.
FEMALES.	1860.....	25.8	44.1	17.0	9.1	2.6	1.4	100.00
	1861.....	29.6	42.0	15.2	7.8	4.1	1.3	100.00
	1862.....	24.9	41.3	16.7	11.8	4.1	1.2	100.00
	1863.....	24.9	42.6	16.9	9.8	4.1	1.7	100.00
	1864.....	24.2	43.4	17.8	10.3	2.9	1.4	100.00
	1865.....	22.6	43.3	19.1	11.0	3.5	1.5	100.00
	1866.....	24.7	42.9	17.4	11.0	2.7	1.3	100.00
	1867.....	25.4	40.5	19.3	10.0	3.4	1.4	100.00
	1868.....	24.4	40.9	18.1	11.6	3.3	1.7	100.00
	1869.....	24.1	40.5	18.7	12.1	3.4	1.2	100.00
	1870.....	26.8	39.4	17.9	10.8	3.9	1.2	100.00
	1871.....	24.6	41.9	19.1	10.1	3.1	1.2	100.00
	1872.....	26.7	40.5	18.4	9.9	2.2	1.3	100.00
	1873.....	25.3	40.8	17.5	12.0	2.7	1.7	100.00
	1874.....	26.3	38.1	19.3	11.1	3.9	1.3	100.00
	1875.....	23.9	42.1	16.8	11.8	4.0	1.4	100.00
	1876.....	25.6	39.8	17.6	12.0	3.7	1.3	100.00
	1877.....	23.4	40.4	18.8	12.1	3.6	1.7	100.00
	1878.....	22.7	40.4	19.3	12.2	3.8	1.6	100.00
	1879.....	22.8	40.7	19.4	12.1	3.0	2.0	100.00
	1880.....	21.1	44.2	18.0	12.0	3.3	1.4	100.00
	1881.....	19.0	43.0	21.5	11.2	3.8	1.5	100.00
	1882.....	16.7	44.8	20.9	12.6	3.9	1.1	100.00
	1883.....	16.2	44.2	20.6	13.2	4.3	1.5	100.00
	1884.....	16.4	43.0	21.3	13.2	4.2	1.9	100.00

In the two preceding Tables may be found the changes that have occurred in the proportions of persons married, in the different divisions of age, in every year since 1860.

In Table XXXVI it will be observed that the percentage of males who were married, previous to the attainment of twenty years of age, has, with small changes in different years, gradually lessened from a proportion of fifty in every thousand married, in 1860, to a proportion of twenty-five, in 1884.

The same facts have also obtained in regard to the marriage of males under twenty-five years of age, although in a largely less proportion. And the same remarks may be made in regard to the marriage of females under twenty years of age.

During the five years from 1860 to 1864, inclusive, the average proportion of females under twenty who were married was 25.5 per cent., or more than one-quarter of the whole. During the five years from 1880 to 1884, inclusive, the proportion of the same class was 17.9 per cent.

MARRIAGES OF PERSONS OF COLOR.

The number of marriages of persons of color, in Rhode Island, in 1884, was 70. This includes four marriages of which one of the parties was white. The number and color of the individuals were, therefore, 136 persons of color, and 4 persons white. The white persons were all females. The marriages, however, may be properly classed as colored marriages.

The number reported during 1884 from the different towns, was as follows, viz.:

Providence (including 3 white brides).....	55
Newport (including 1 white bride).....	9
South Kingstown.....	3
East Providence, }	
Scituate, } 1 each.....	3
Hopkinton, }	—
Total.....	70

MARRIAGES OF THE DIVORCED.

The following Table will give the names of the towns from which returns of marriage with the facts of divorce were reported, the whole number of divorced persons married, also whether the second or third marriage of the divorced groom or bride, and number of re-marriages of same persons :

TOWNS.	Whole Number.	Groom.	Bride.	Second Marriage of Groom.	Third Marriage of Groom.	Second Marriage of Bride.	Third Marriage of Bride.	Remarriages, Same Parties.
East Greenwich.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
Newport City.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Cranston.....	7	4	3	3	1	2	1	.....
Johnston.....	6	3	3	2	1	3	.....	.....
Woonsocket.....	4	2	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....
Providence City.....	108	53	55	52	1	55	.....	3
Westerly.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
State.....	131	62	69	59	3	68	1	3

DIVORCES, 1884.

The number of applications for divorce, in Rhode Island, during the year 1884, as ascertained by reports from the clerks of the supreme courts of the different counties, was three hundred and twenty (320).

During the year 1884 there were two hundred and sixty-six (266) applications for divorce granted, which were 9 more than in 1883.

The following Table shows the number of applications for divorce, and the number granted, in 1884, in each county of the State; also the causes alleged for the applications:

TABLE XXXVIII.

COUNTIES.	Number of Applications.	Number Granted.	CAUSES ALLEGED.						
			Adultery.	Extreme Cruelty.	Willful Desertion.	Continued Drunkenness.	Neglect to Provide Necessaries, &c.	Other Gross Misbehavior.	Impotency.
Bristol.....	5	4	.....	.....	3	1	4	2	.....
Kent.....	26	20	6	.....	9	.....	11	.....	.....
Newport.....	20	12	4	7	9	4	9	1	.....
Providence.....	245	209	44	45	161	52	159	33	.....
Washington.....	24	21	7	10	24	9	16	12	.....
Whole State.....	320	266	61	62	206	66	199	48	.....

The allegations made as reasons why divorce in any given case should be granted, vary in the different cases, and it would naturally follow that the number of causes alleged in all the applications, during different years, would vary also.

The causes alleged in the 320 applications for divorce, during 1884, numbered 642, or about the average of two allegations to each application.

When adultery is alleged, it is usual to make but one allegation, especially when proof or convincing circumstantial evidence is available.

The causes alleged for divorce, during 1884, were 62 in number more than during 1883, when there was one more application.

There were nine more divorces granted, in 1884, than in the previous year.

In order to show the actual number of applications, and the number of divorces granted in each of the last twelve years, the following summary is presented :

	Applications for Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Applications refused or continued or withdrawn.
1873	261	173	88
1874	276	242	34
1875	227	158	69
1876	254	196	58
1877	257	178	79
1878	258	196	62
1879	255	246	9
1880	347	273	74
1881	350	268	82
1872	389	271	68
1883	321	257	64
1884	320	266	54
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12 years, total.....	3,465.....	2,724.....	741.....

During the last twelve years the proportion of decrees of divorce, to whole number of applications, was 78.6 per cent. During 1883 it was 80 per cent., and during 1884 it was 83.0 per cent.

The proportion of *divorces granted*, in 1884, to the whole number of marriages during the same year, was *one divorce* to every 9.6 marriages.

The proportion of *applications for divorce* to whole number of marriages, during the year, was one *application* to every 8 marriages.

The following Table shows the number of divorces granted in each county, and in the whole State, in each of the last sixteen years, with the proportion of marriages to each divorce granted in each year :

TABLE XXXIX.

YEARS.	Bristol County.		Kent County.		Newport County.		Providence County.		Washington County.		Whole State.	
	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.	Divorces Granted.	Marriages to one Divorce.
1869.....	10	10.6	15	12.5	6	27.7	120	13.8	11	15.5	162	14.1
1870.....	8	27.7	18	11.8	6	26.3	152	11.3	21	9.3	200	11.8
1871.....	5	16.8	11	17.9	4	49.7	123	13.3	18	11.4	161	14.5
1872.....	8	10.2	13	15.7	8	22.9	149	12.6	22	8.9	200	12.7
1873.....	6	16.2	22	9.8	8	21.9	131	14.8	6	33.7	173	15.2
1874.....	10	8.9	20	8.0	6	29.0	190	10.0	16	11.6	242	10.5
1875.....	2	50.0	18	8.8	7	23.4	120	14.9	11	20.5	158	15.7
1876.....	6	14.5	15	12.8	7	20.5	148	11.1	20	8.8	190	11.5
1877.....	7	12.0	9	16.3	7	26.0	134	12.4	21	9.9	178	12.8
1878.....	4	26.0	11	13.3	13	12.8	156	10.9	12	17.3	196	11.9
1879.....	5	18.8	19	9.0	7	24.1	195	9.1	20	9.7	246	9.7
1880.....	8	12.1	23	9.4	11	17.6	208	9.7	23	17.0	273	10.1
1881.....	6	20.1	26	7.3	10	16.9	207	10.0	19	11.0	268	10.4
1882.....	6	15.0	18	10.3	15	13.0	221	8.9	11	16.2	271	9.7
1883.....	6	15.8	15	11.5	9	21.2	214	9.2	13	13.3	257	10.2
1884.....	4	16.7	20	8.0	12	15.7	209	9.8	21	8.2	266	9.6

The proportion of divorces granted during 1884, to the whole number of marriages contracted during the same, was one divorce to every 9.6 marriages, which is a larger proportion than during any previous year. It is, however, but slightly larger than those of the years 1879 and 1882.

During the last sixteen years the average proportions of divorce to marriage, in the several counties and the State, have been as follows :

Bristol County.....	One divorce to every 16.5 marriages.
Kent County.....	One divorce to every 11.3 marriages.
Newport County.....	One divorce to every 23.0 marriages.
Providence County.....	One divorce to every 11.3 marriages.
Washington County.....	One divorce to every 13.7 marriages.
Whole State.....	One divorce to every 11.9 marriages.

During a period of sixteen years, from 1869 to 1884, inclusive, Providence county and Kent county have equally furnished the

largest proportion of persons divorced, to the number of persons married in each county respectively, and Newport county has furnished the least number of divorces to the number of its marriages.

In the whole State, during the three years from 1869 to 1871, inclusive, the proportion was one divorce to every 13.5 marriages. From 1872 to 1876, inclusive, it was one divorce to every 13.1 marriages. From 1877 to 1881, inclusive, it was one divorce to every 11 marriages; and from 1882 to 1884, inclusive, it was one divorce to every 9.8 marriages.

DEATHS, 1884.

According to the returns made to the State Registrar, the number of deaths that occurred in Rhode Island, during 1884, was five thousand, one hundred and forty-one (5,141).

The number was 141 less than the number in the previous year.

The proportion to the living population, in 1884, was one death in every 59.2 persons; or 16.1 decedents in every one thousand of the population, estimating that at 304,000.

SEX OF DECEDENTS.

Of the 5,141 persons whose deaths were returned, during the year 1884, 2,486 were males, and 2,655 were females; the ratio standing at 93.6 males to each 100 females, or 48.3 males and 51.7 females in each 100 decedents.

The following Tables, XL and XLI, show the number and proportion of males and females among the *decedents*, and also among the *children born* in Rhode Island during the ten years 1853 to 1862, inclusive; also in each of the twenty-two years from 1863 to 1884, inclusive, and for the entire period of thirty-two years:

TABLE XL.

DEATHS.

10 years, 1853-1862...	10,930 males.....	11,269 females.....	or 96.9 males to 100 females.
1863.....	1,621 males.....	1,586 females.....	or 102.2 males to 100 females.
1864.....	1,633 males.....	1,727 females.....	or 92.4 males to 100 females.
1865.....	1,686 males.....	1,719 females.....	or 98.1 males to 100 females.
1866.....	1,497 males.....	1,473 females.....	or 101.5 males to 100 females.
1867.....	1,442 males.....	1,447 females.....	or 99.7 males to 100 females.
1868.....	1,413 males.....	1,499 females.....	or 94.3 males to 100 females.
1869.....	1,696 males.....	1,686 females.....	or 100.6 males to 100 females.
1870.....	1,588 males.....	1,650 females.....	or 96.2 males to 100 females.
1871.....	1,621 males.....	1,723 females.....	or 94.1 males to 100 females.
1872.....	2,118 males.....	2,129 females.....	or 99.4 males to 100 females.
1873.....	2,166 males.....	2,237 females.....	or 95.5 males to 100 females.
1874.....	2,111 males.....	2,118 females.....	or 99.7 males to 100 females.
1875.....	2,108 males.....	2,209 females.....	or 95.4 males to 100 females.
1876.....	1,969 males.....	2,147 females.....	or 91.7 males to 100 females.
1877.....	2,132 males.....	2,318 females.....	or 92.0 males to 100 females.
1878.....	2,161 males.....	2,280 females.....	or 94.8 males to 100 females.
1879.....	2,183 males.....	2,289 females.....	or 95.4 males to 100 females.
1880.....	2,366 males.....	2,463 females.....	or 96.0 males to 100 females.
1881.....	2,367 males.....	2,559 females.....	or 96.8 males to 100 females.
1882.....	2,487 males.....	2,587 females.....	or 96.5 males to 100 females.
1883.....	2,627 males.....	2,655 females.....	or 99.0 males to 100 females.
1884.....	2,486 males.....	2,655 females.....	or 93.6 males to 100 females.
32 years.....	54,508 males.....	56,415 females.....	or 96.6 males to 100 females.

TABLE XLI.

BIRTHS.

10 years, 1853-1862...	18,377 males.....	17,280 females.....	or 106.4 males to 100 females.
1863.....	1,892 males.....	1,788 females.....	or 105.8 males to 100 females.
1864.....	1,949 males.....	1,942 females.....	or 100.3 males to 100 females.
1865.....	2,096 males.....	1,857 females.....	or 112.9 males to 100 females.
1866.....	2,546 males.....	2,356 females.....	or 108.1 males to 100 females.
1867.....	2,655 males.....	2,464 females.....	or 107.7 males to 100 females.
1868.....	2,745 males.....	2,627 females.....	or 104.5 males to 100 females.
1869.....	2,685 males.....	2,560 females.....	or 104.9 males to 100 females.
1870.....	2,679 males.....	2,536 females.....	or 105.6 males to 100 females.
1871.....	2,878 males.....	2,800 females.....	or 102.8 males to 100 females.
1872.....	3,085 males.....	3,058 females.....	or 100.9 males to 100 females.
1873.....	3,135 males.....	2,887 females.....	or 108.6 males to 100 females.
1874.....	3,311 males.....	3,155 females.....	or 104.9 males to 100 females.
1875.....	3,362 males.....	3,146 females.....	or 106.9 males to 100 females.
1876.....	3,291 males.....	3,038 females.....	or 108.3 males to 100 females.
1877.....	3,163 males.....	3,072 females.....	or 103.0 males to 100 females.
1878.....	3,402 males.....	3,312 females.....	or 102.7 males to 100 females.
1879.....	3,259 males.....	3,091 females.....	or 105.4 males to 100 females.
1880.....	3,241 males.....	3,054 females.....	or 106.1 males to 100 females.
1881.....	3,498 males.....	3,263 females.....	or 107.2 males to 100 females.
1882.....	3,509 males.....	3,316 females.....	or 105.8 males to 100 females.
1883.....	3,548 males.....	3,498 females.....	or 101.4 males to 100 females.
1884.....	3,713 males.....	3,592 females.....	or 103.4 males to 100 females.
32 years.....	84,019 males.....	79,672 females.....	or 105.6 males to 100 females.

By the preceding Tables it will be seen that the average annual proportion of the sexes of the decedents, during thirty-two years of registration in Rhode Island, was 96.6 males to every 100 females; and that the average proportion of the sexes by births, during the same period, was 105.6 to every 100 females.

SEASON AND MORTALITY.

The whole number of decedents, and the sex of the same, in each month of the year 1884, and in each division of the State, may be found in Table VI, on the ninth page.

The influence of season upon mortality may be further illustrated by the following Table, which shows the number and percentage of deaths in each quarter of each of the last five years, and in the aggregate for thirty-one years, from 1853 to 1883, inclusive:

TABLE XLII.

SEASON.	1884.		1883.		1882.		1881.		1880.		1853-1883.	
	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.
January-March.	1,111	21.61	1,246	23.59	1,180	23.23	1,236	24.62	1,216	25.18	24,814	23.46
April-June.....	1,111	21.61	1,321	25.00	1,186	23.24	1,171	23.34	1,149	23.80	22,239	21.02
July-September	1,512	29.41	1,471	27.84	1,443	28.42	1,424	28.38	1,306	27.04	30,457	28.79
October-Dec....	1,407	27.37	1,244	23.57	1,265	25.11	1,185	23.66	1,158	23.98	28,272	26.73
Total.....	5,141	100.00	5,282	100.00	5,074	100.00	5,016	100.00	4,829	100.00	105,782	100.00

The proportion of the decedents in the first quarter of the year, 21.61 per cent., is quite remarkable, if not unprecedented. The average of thirty-one years was 23.46 per cent.

The second quarter shows a proportion slightly larger than the average of thirty-one years, but smaller than in any one of the previous four years.

The proportion of the third quarter is unusually large, 29.41 per cent. The average of the long period of years was 28.79 per cent.

The third quarter has the largest mortality in every year.

The fourth quarter, 27.37 per cent., is also larger than usual. The proportion during thirty-one years was 26.73 per cent.

TABLE XLIII.

Showing the months in the order of largest mortality, for eight years.

1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.
1. August..... 542	July..... 537	August..... 589	August..... 576	July..... 488	January..... 468	December..... 421	September..... 454
2. October... 518	August..... 499	November..... 461	January..... 439	August..... 430	August..... 452	August..... 420	August..... 450
3. September.. 514	April..... 475	September..... 444	July..... 434	March..... 426	December..... 395	July..... 410	October..... 430
4. December.. 457	January..... 452	July..... 410	October..... 426	January..... 422	October..... 391	January..... 400	July..... 413
5. July..... 456	May..... 445	May..... 406	April..... 417	October..... 416	November..... 388	March..... 396	December..... 411
6. November.. 432	October..... 443	December..... 405	September..... 414	April..... 400	July..... 383	November..... 377	November..... 398
7. April..... 416	March..... 442	April..... 401	May..... 410	May..... 392	March..... 382	February..... 362	March..... 347
8. March..... 389	September..... 435	October..... 399	March..... 401	September... 388	April..... 342	April..... 350	May..... 343
9. January... 378	December..... 409	January..... 398	February..... 396	December..... 377	September..... 339	September..... 345	January..... 323
10. May..... 369	June..... 401	February..... 392	December..... 385	February..... 368	February..... 335	October..... 342	April..... 310
11. February... 344	November..... 392	March..... 390	November..... 374	November..... 365	May..... 318	June..... 310	June..... 305
12. June..... 326	February..... 352	June..... 379	June..... 344	June..... 357	June..... 279	May..... 308	February..... 266
5,141	5,282	5,074	5,016	4,829	4,472	4,441	4,450

In long periods of years, August is the month in which occurs the largest number of deaths. The rule held good in 1884. During the last eight years, however, August had the largest mortality in three years only.

It is seldom that October has the second largest number of deaths in any year, such an event not having occurred within the last twenty years, previous to 1884.

An examination of the Table will show that the months are quite variable, from year to year, in the proportion of deaths that occur in them respectively.

PARENTAGE OF DECEDENTS.

The number of decedents, in 1884, of the two general classes of parentage, that is, American and foreign, may be found in Table I, on pages 2 and 3.

Of the whole number of decedents, 5,141, reported in 1884, 2,485 were of American, and 2,656 were of foreign parentage.

By the term "foreign parentage" is meant the decedents whose fathers were born in some other country and not in the United States. The grandchildren of foreign born grandfathers are not reckoned as of foreign parentage, if their own fathers were born in the United States.

The following towns reported a larger number of decedents of foreign parentage than of American: Warren, Burrillville, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, and Providence city. Also the State Institutions in Cranston.

The nine towns reporting a larger number of decedents of foreign parentage than of American, had the following proportions of the same:

Burrillville.....	150 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Cranston (State Institutions).....	150 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Cumberland.....	259 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Lincoln.....	466 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
North Smithfield.....	140 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Pawtucket.....	171 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Woonsocket.....	266 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Providence City.....	125 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.
Warren.....	157 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American.

The following Table gives the number and percentage of decedents of American and of foreign parentage, in each of the last five years; and in the aggregate for twenty-five years, or from 1858 to 1882, inclusive:

TABLE XLIV.

PARENTAGE.	1884.		1883.		1882.		1881.		1880.		1858-1882.	
	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.	Number.	Per cent.
American	2,485	48.34	2,652	50.21	2,429	47.87	2,482	49.48	2,517	52.13	59,760	55.36
Foreign	2,656	51.66	2,630	49.79	2,645	52.13	2,534	50.52	2,312	47.87	48,193	44.64
Total	5,141	100.00	5,282	100.00	5,074	100.00	5,016	100.00	4,829	100.00	107,953	100.00

AGE OF DECEDENTS.

In Table I, on pages 2 and 3, may be found the aggregate and average age of all the decedents whose deaths occurred in 1884, and with the age of each sex, in each town and county in the State.

By that Table it will be seen that the average age of all the male decedents in the State, in 1884, was 32.29 years, and that the average age of all the female decedents, in the same year, was 35.12 years.

The average age of all decedents, of both sexes, in the same year, was 33.76 years.

The general average of age is about one and three-fourth years less than that of 1883, but, with the exception of 1883, is above the average of all previous years.

The following summary will show the average age of each of the sexes, and of all, in each of the last six years :

	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.
	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.	Average.
Males	32.29 years	33.64 years	31.33 years	30.99 years	29.62 years	31.29 years
Females	35.12 years	37.44 years	35.57 years	34.07 years	32.06 years	33.24 years
Ages of all....	33.76 years	35.55 years	33.50 years	32.55 years	30.86 years	32.29 years

It was stated in the Report for 1883 that the average age of decedents has surely increased in Rhode Island, during the last twenty-five years, notwithstanding the introduction into the State of a large class of population of unsanitary habits and prolific of progeny, and of whose children a large proportion die early from lack of suitable diet, clothing, cleanliness, and want of proper care and attention in health and in sickness.

For a ready reference the following Table, continued from a previous Report, will show the average annual proportion of deaths to estimated average population, the death rate per 1,000, and average age of all decedents during ten years, from 1870 to 1880, in each town and in each county in the State.

It should be stated that in estimating the average population, during the period of ten years, corrections were made for losses by division of territory, and also for gains of population by addition of territory, where such changes have occurred.

It may be stated, also, that changes in the character of the population in some of the towns, during the last half of the ten years, seemed to have an influence in the direction of increase of the death rate in those towns.

TABLE XLV.

TOWNS AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	DEATHS.		
	Average to population one in every	Per 1000.	Average Age of all.
Barrington.....	83.45	11.9	48.12
Bristol.....	64.37	15.5	34.66
Warren.....	61.05	16.4	81.98
BRISTOL COUNTY.....	64.74	15.4	33.77
Coventry.....	68.15	14.7	40.77
East Greenwich.....	62.40	16.3	40.17
West Greenwich.....	58.42	17.1	45.78
Warwick.....	79.49	12.6	29.15
KENT COUNTY.....	72.41	13.8	35.29
Jamestown.....	116.19	8.6	51.62
Little Compton.....	82.57	12.1	53.69
Middletown.....	86.61	11.5	45.03
New Shoreham.....	103.33	9.6	37.39
Portsmouth.....	87.64	11.4	47.32
Tiverton.....	73.72	13.6	43.05
TOWNS, NEWPORT Co.....	85.61	11.7	45.66
NEWPORT CITY.....	68.73	14.5	36.51
NEWPORT COUNTY.....	73.97	13.5	39.35
Burrillville.....	77.53	12.9	33.92
* Cranston.....	54.43	18.2	37.72
Cumberland.....	88.64	11.3	30.56
East Providence.....	73.24	13.6	28.26
Foster.....	102.20	9.8	53.14
Glocester.....	62.03	16.1	44.93
Johnston.....	67.10	14.9	30.94
Lincoln.....	55.21	18.1	22.14
North Providence.....	69.18	14.5	29.60
North Smithfield.....	78.17	12.6	32.15
Pawtucket.....	55.22	18.2	29.81
Scituate.....	74.97	13.2	40.39
Smithfield.....	67.66	14.7	36.12
Woonsocket.....	51.66	19.2	24.49
TOWNS, PROVIDENCE Co.....	62.68	15.9	29.15
PROVIDENCE CITY.....	50.24	19.9	27.76
PROVIDENCE COUNTY.....	59.60	16.7	28.37
Charlestown.....	69.80	14.2	54.33
Exeter.....	85.22	11.7	51.58
Hopkinton.....	70.41	14.2	40.78
North Kingstown.....	63.38	15.8	40.76
South Kingstown.....	70.43	14.1	43.99
Richmond.....	58.46	17.1	38.18
Westerly.....	89.68	11.1	34.66
WASHINGTON COUNTY.....	72.71	13.7	40.52
WHOLE STATE.....	62.59	15.9	30.68

* Including deaths in State Institutions.

The following Table shows the average age of the decedents in each of the larger divisions of the State, in each of the last five years, and also the average of each of five periods of five years each, comprising the twenty-five years from 1858 to 1882, inclusive :

TABLE XLVI.

DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1878-1882, 5 years.	1872-1877, 5 years.	1866-1872, 5 years.	1860-1867, 5 years.	1854-1862, 5 years.
Bristol County.....	37.62	39.24	39.31	37.74	36.43	36.68	33.61	35.12	34.78	35.56
Kent County.....	39.21	41.36	39.73	34.46	36.54	37.11	36.20	34.77	35.81	32.15
Newport County.....	40.20	40.66	37.00	40.03	42.38	39.21	40.68	40.04	33.54	35.01
Providence County Towns	32.52	34.56	31.83	30.35	27.40	30.60	28.46	25.26	29.16	28.44
Providence City.....	31.51	33.18	31.88	30.98	29.67	29.50	27.19	25.45	28.50	25.78
Washington County.....	42.13	47.42	40.32	41.13	37.82	41.01	41.14	39.67	30.87	34.21
Whole State.....	33.76	35.55	33.50	32.55	30.86	31.84	30.28	31.66	30.75	29.42

An examination of the above Table will present further evidence of the statement made on a previous page, that the average age of decedents in Rhode Island had increased considerably during the last twenty-five or twenty-seven years, notwithstanding the diminution during 1884.

The average age of the last three years, 1882-1884, inclusive, was 34.27 years, as against 31.84 years, the largest average of any one of the five year periods, and which was also the last, and as against the first five year period with an average of 29.42 years.

PERCENTAGE OF DECEDENTS BY DIFFERENT AGES.

In Table VII, on pages 10 to 15, inclusive, will be found the number of deaths in 1884, in each town and each county, of each sex, and in each period of life, with the percentage of the whole number of deaths in each division to the population of the same, by the census of 1885.

The following Table shows the percentages of decedents in each division of ages, to whole number of deaths, in each of the last six years, and in the aggregate for three periods; one of ten years and seven months, from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1862, inclusive; one of ten years, from 1863 to 1872, inclusive; and one of ten years, from 1873 to 1882, inclusive :

TABLE XLVII.

PERIODS OF LIFE.	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	10 years. 1873 to 1882.	10 years. 1862 to 1872.	10 years, 7 months. 1852 to 1862.
Under 1 year.....	20.1	18.1	19.7	18.5	18.4	16.1	18.9	18.0	17.6
1 and under 2.....	5.6	5.1	5.3	6.4	7.0	6.8	7.6	7.8	9.8
2 and under 5.....	6.6	4.4	6.5	7.9	9.2	10.1	8.4	7.9	9.6
Total under 5.....	32.3	27.6	30.5	32.8	34.6	33.0	34.9	33.7	37.0
5 and under 10.....	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.6	6.2	6.3	5.0	4.6	5.0
10 and under 20.....	4.8	5.4	5.8	5.2	4.8	4.8	5.8	6.2	5.8
20 and under 30.....	9.2	10.3	10.6	9.6	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.7	9.5
30 and under 40.....	8.1	8.4	9.3	8.0	7.6	7.4	7.8	8.1	8.7
40 and under 50.....	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.5
50 and under 60.....	8.1	9.0	7.3	8.2	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.3	6.7
60 and under 70.....	9.1	9.2	8.4	8.8	8.5	10.0	8.2	8.3	6.9
70 and under 80.....	9.5	10.5	9.7	8.6	9.4	9.0	8.8	8.4	7.3
80 and under 90.....	6.9	6.5	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.6
Over 90 and not stated..	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.0
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

An explanation of the reason why the average age of decedents, in 1884 was less than in 1883, will be found in the above Table, by observing that there was a considerably larger proportion of decedents under five years of age in 1884 than in the preceding year.

As may be seen, however, the proportion was less in 1884 than in any preceding years, except in 1882 and 1883.

COLORED DECEDENTS.

The number of deaths of persons of color in Rhode Island, during 1884, was 187.

In 1883 the number was 166, and in 1882 it was 145.

The deaths of colored persons occurred in the different localities as follows :

Providence City.....	116
Newport City.....	24
Cranston (including State Institutions).....	13
Westerly.....	6
Bristol.....	5
Charlestown.....	4
Exeter, } 3 each.....	6
North Kingstown, }	
East Greenwich, }	
Warwick, }	
East Providence, } 2 each.....	10
Pawtucket, }	
South Kingstown, }	
New Shoreham, }	
Burrillville, } 1 each.....	3
Richmond, }	
Total.....	187

Sex.—There were, of the 187 decedents of color, 88 males and 99 females.

Season.—These 187 deaths were in the different months as follows :

Months.	Deaths.	Months.	Deaths.	Months.	Deaths.	Months.	Deaths.
January.....	14	April.....	14	July.....	10	October.....	23
February.....	17	May.....	14	August.....	19	November.....	11
March.....	12	June.....	20	September.....	14	December.....	19
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
First Quarter.....	43	Second Quarter....	48	Third Quarter.....	43	Fourth Quarter....	53

First six months, 91; Second six months, 96. Total, 187.

The following summary will show the proportions, to the whole colored population, of each of the events of birth, marriage and death of colored persons, during the seven years from 1878 to 1884, inclusive :

	One birth in every	One person married in every	One death in every
1878.....	36.4.....	39.2.....	40.2.....
1879.....	39.6.....	51.4.....	37.3.....
1880.....	47.1.....	43.3.....	44.0.....
1881.....	34.3.....	39.2.....	35.4.....
1882.....	36.8.....	44.5.....	45.4.....
1883.....	33.4.....	63.3.....	39.7.....
1884.....	34.8.....	46.0.....	34.5.....

The following exhibit will show the number of births, marriages and deaths among the colored population of Rhode Island, in each of the last twenty-four years, from 1861 to 1884, inclusive, and also the aggregates of the same :

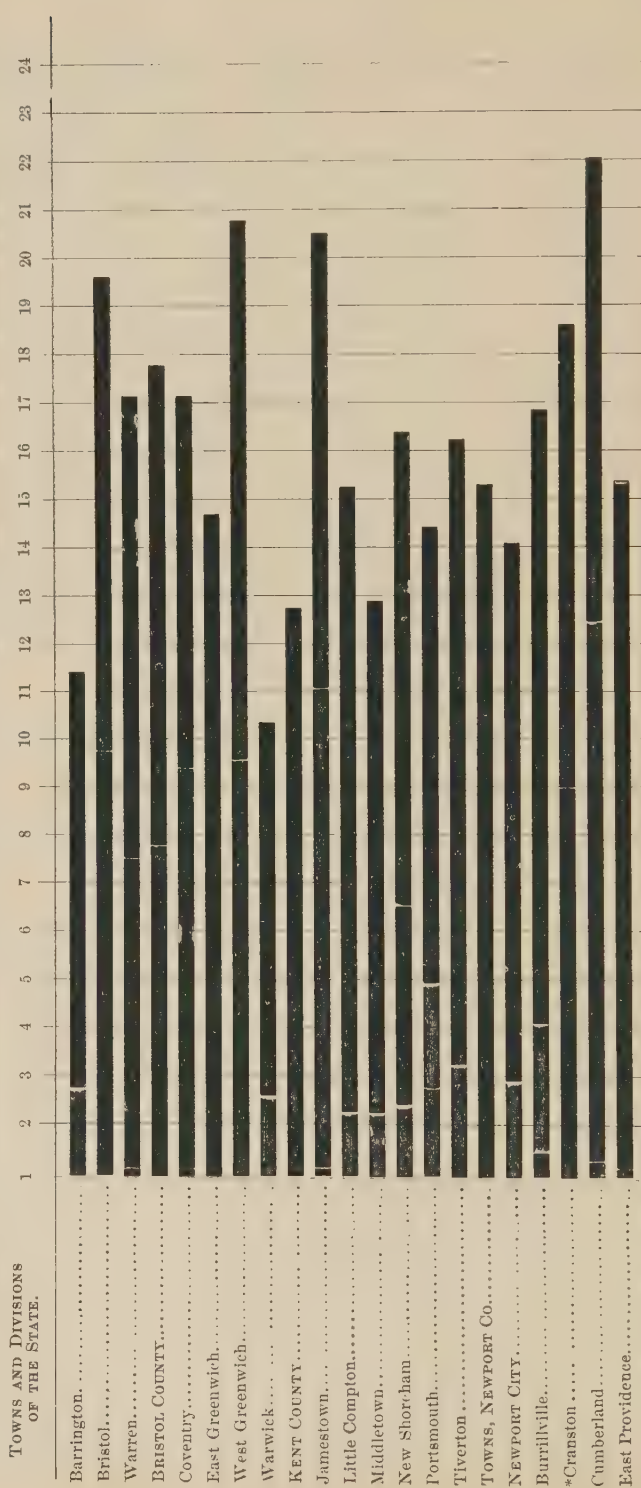
COLORED POPULATION.

1861.....	97 births.....	30 marriages.....	109 deaths.
1862.....	96 births.....	23 marriages.....	90 deaths.
1863.....	73 births.....	68 marriages.....	104 deaths.
1864.....	69 births.....	35 marriages.....	121 deaths.
1865.....	87 births.....	51 marriages.....	129 deaths.
1866.....	124 births.....	65 marriages.....	123 deaths.
1867.....	144 births.....	61 marriages.....	105 deaths.
1868.....	147 births.....	84 marriages.....	111 deaths.
1869.....	136 births.....	70 marriages.....	133 deaths.
1870.....	158 births.....	70 marriages.....	128 deaths.
1871.....	146 births.....	64 marriages.....	116 deaths.
1872.....	171 births.....	76 marriages.....	184 deaths.
1873.....	163 births.....	69 marriages.....	160 deaths.
1874.....	170 births.....	80 marriages.....	151 deaths.
1875.....	156 births.....	76 marriages.....	169 deaths.
1876.....	170 births.....	59 marriages.....	156 deaths.
1877.....	168 births.....	64 marriages.....	160 deaths.
1878.....	172 births.....	80 marriages.....	156 deaths.
1879.....	159 births.....	61 marriages.....	168 deaths.
1880.....	140 births.....	76 marriages.....	153 deaths.
1881.....	192 births.....	84 marriages.....	186 deaths.
1882.....	179 births.....	74 marriages.....	145 deaths.
1883.....	197 births.....	52 marriages.....	166 deaths.
1884.....	185 births.....	70 marriages.....	187 deaths.
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Total, 24 years.....	3,499 births.	2,542 marriages.....	3,410 deaths.

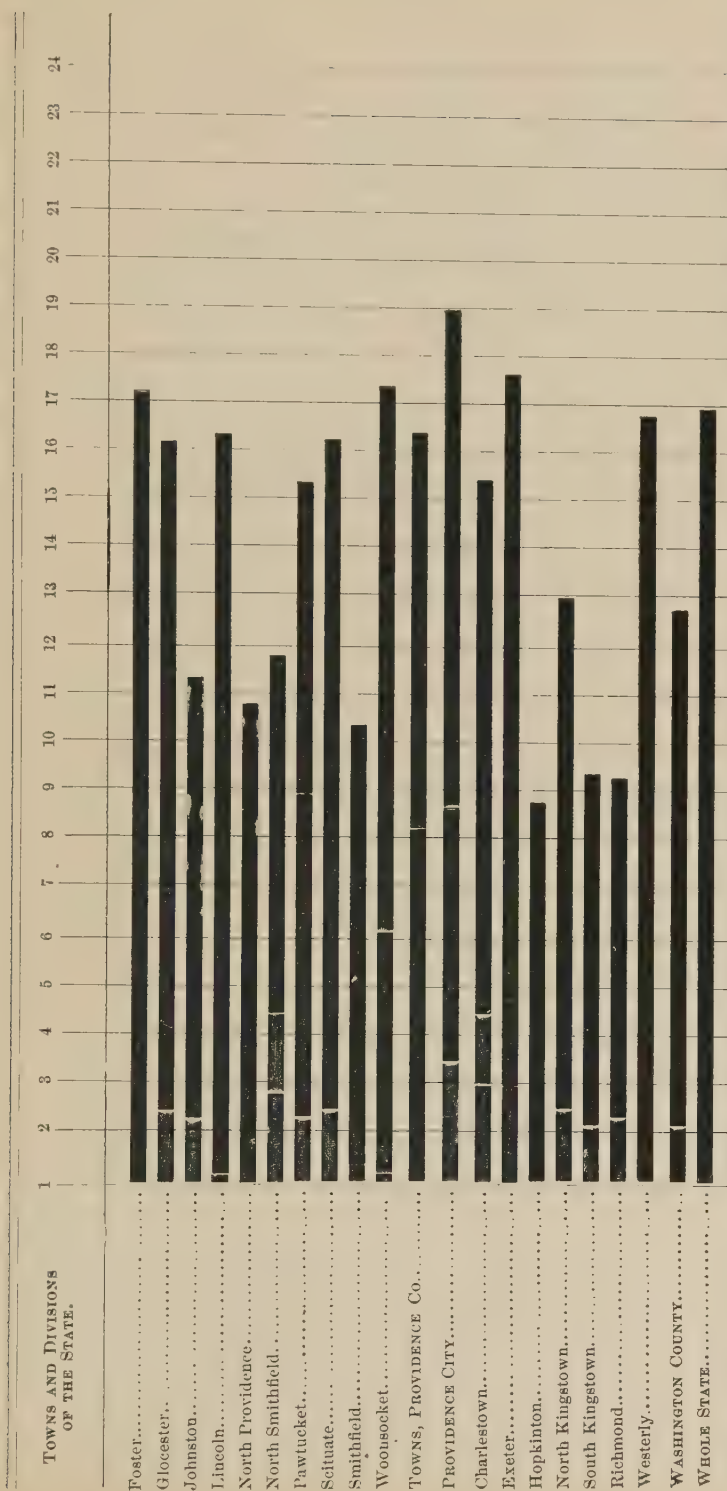
DEATH RATES.

Diagram showing the number of deaths in each 1000 of the population, in each town and each county in the State, during the year 1884, computed by the Census of 1885.

For explanation see foot note on next page.



* Excluding State Institutions.



The figures at the top of the perpendicular lines indicate, in whole numbers, the number of deaths during the year in every 1000 persons. The spaces are fractional parts of one. For instance, the heavy horizontal line against Barrington reaches nearly half way across the space between the perpendicular lines 11 and 12. It shows the death rate of Barrington, in 1884, was about eleven and one-half in every 1000 of the population, according to the census of 1880.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1884.

The statistics of the causes of death in Rhode Island, in 1884, may be found in Tables VIII, IX, X and XII. The whole number of deaths, as previously stated, was 5,141. The number of which the cause of death was reported was 5,099, and the number of which the cause was not stated was 42.

The following Table shows the number of deaths in 1884, in each large division of the State, and the number and proportion in each division of which the cause was reported unknown:

TABLE XLVIII.

1884.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County Towns.	Providence County Towns.	Washington County.	Newport City.	Providence City.	Whole State.
Number of deaths	201	275	134	274	1,742	2,233	282	5,141
Cause not stated	2	7	3	2	19	6	3	42
One in	100.0	40.0	44.6	137.0	91.7	372.1	94.0	122.4

In the Thirty-First Registration Report it was observed that "It is very gratifying to be able to remark that the proportion of deaths returned, during 1883, with cause of same unknown, was less than during any year since the commencement of systematic registration." The number during that year was 186. During the year 1882 it was 282. It may well be remarked in this Report that it is doubly gratifying to learn that the facts of death, during 1884, have been so completely returned. The circumstance is entirely unprecedented, and it is hardly to be expected that so small a proportion will become the rule.

TABLE XLIX.

Showing the proportion of deaths reported, with "cause unknown," in each division of the State, and in the whole State, in each of the last twenty-two years, from 1863 to 1884, inclusive.

YEARS.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State.
1863, One in every.....	16.5	11.2	25.5	6.9	46.7	24.7	14.7
1864, One in every.....	57.0	12.6	11.6	8.5	45.7	47.5	16.1
1865, One in every.....	64.3	27.4	13.4	8.2	55.0	32.9	16.4
1866, One in every.....	163.0	11.4	22.4	9.5	45.0	23.3	17.3
1867, One in every.....	.....	13.6	24.5	7.4	64.0	14.3	14.8
1868, One in every.....	32.3	5.0	20.3	5.2	46.2	10.1	10.1
1869, One in every.....	41.2	5.8	52.8	5.3	83.6	16.1	11.3
1870, One in every.....	.....	19.3	23.6	11.8	90.2	26.9	23.6
1871, One in every.....	151.0	81.2	7.9	8.4	53.6	9.8	13.0
1872, One in every.....	13.3	5.8	10.0	6.8	72.8	9.8	11.3
1873, One in every.....	.....	16.0	25.4	9.8	102.5	27.5	20.3
1874, One in every.....	54.0	15.2	14.0	17.2	73.7	21.2	27.8
1875, One in every.....	55.0	7.4	15.6	13.7	91.2	11.9	20.9
1876, One in every.....	11.5	7.9	18.5	9.9	124.3	22.8	19.3
1877, One in every.....	.....	17.7	9.7	11.9	323.0	16.0	23.2
1878, One in every.....	32.1	7.4	9.0	13.7	124.2	21.7	21.1
1879, One in every.....	16.6	9.2	12.4	9.5	225.1	8.6	17.6
1880, One in every.....	21.9	23.5	13.5	10.5	122.3	17.8	20.7
1881, One in every.....	204.0	12.0	11.2	7.3	143.0	6.5	14.4
1882, One in every.....	37.6	11.6	10.9	10.6	187.0	7.7	18.8
1883, One in every.....	40.4	15.9	15.0	15.3	392.8	17.0	23.4
1884, One in every.....	100.0	40.0	81.6	91.7	372.1	94.0	122.4

The following summary will show the proportion of all deaths reported with cause unknown, to whole number of deaths, in each of the several divisions, during the last twenty-two years :

Bristol County.....	19.6 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Kent County.....	58.4 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Newport County.....	50.0 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Providence County Towns.....	75.0 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Providence City.....	7.6 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Washington County.	45.0 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.
Whole State.....	43.5 deaths, <i>cause unknown</i> , in every 1,000 decedents.

The proportion of deaths in the whole State, reported with cause unknown during the first ten of the above twenty-two years, that is, from 1863 to 1872, inclusive, was one in every 14.8, or 67.6 in every one thousand decedents.

During the twelve following years, that is, from 1873 to 1884, inclusive, the proportion of deaths returned, with statement of cause unknown, was one in every 29.6, or 33.8 in every one thousand decedents.

The following Table gives the number of deaths in Rhode Island, from each of thirteen principal causes, showing the order in regard to number, in each of the last five years; and also the aggregates and proportions of the same causes of death, for thirty years and seven months, from June 1st, 1852, to December 31st, 1882:

TABLE L.

Showing the order in regard to number and proportion of decedents from thirteen principal causes of death.

1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	June 1st, 1883, to Dec. 31st, 1882—30 yrs. 7 mos. years, 7 months.	Per 1,000 of whole No. of deaths, 30 years, 7 months.
Whole Number....5,141	Whole Number....5,382	Whole Number....5,074	Whole Number....5,016	Whole Number....4,829	Whole Number....4,472	Whole Number....101,239	
Consumption.....739	Consumption.....766	Consumption.....737	Consumption.....706	Consumption.....642	Consumption.....637	Consumption.....16,025	158.3
Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 383	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 400	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 344	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 327	Scarlatina.....468	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 317	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 6,099	60.2
Cholera Infantum...325	Heart, Diseases of..325	Cholera Infantum...325	Heart, Diseases of..294	Pneumonia and Conges. of Lungs. 364	Scarlatina.....311	Old Age.....5,408	53.4
Apoplexy and Paralysis.....298	Apoplexy and Paralysis.....275	Old Age.....283	Old Age.....247	Old Age.....273	Diphtheria.....259	Cholera Infantum...5,143	50.8
Old Age.....293	Old Age.....275	Apoplexy and Paralysis.....265	Cholera Infantum...240	Cholera Infantum...247	Apoplexy and Paralysis.....220	Scarlatina.....4,398	43.4
Heart, Diseases of..285	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....258	Heart, Diseases of..255	Diphtheria.....216	Heart, Diseases of..231	Old Age.....220	Dysentery and Diarrhea.....4,310	41.5
Diarrhea and Dysentery.....194	Cholera Infantum...242	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....229	Brain, Diseases of..179	Apoplexy and Paralysis.....215	Heart, Diseases of..202	Heart, Diseases of..3,947	39.0
Accidents.....180	Diarrhea and Dysentery.....184	Brain, Diseases of..173	Apoplexy.....146	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....158	Cholera Infantum...161	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....3,755	37.1
Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....165	Brain, Diseases of..179	Accidents.....166	Cancers.....145	Diphtheria.....152	Cancer (all kinds)..125	Apoplexy and Paralysis.....3,527	34.8
Cancers.....156	Dysentery and Diarrhea.....169	Dysentery and Diarrhea.....158	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....143	Accidents.....137	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.....123	Accidents (all kinds).....3,018	30.8
Brain, Diseases of..148	Accidents.....153	Cancers.....132	Accidents.....142	Convulsions, &c...133	Convulsions, &c...104	Diphtheria*.....2,949	*29.1
Convulsions.....139	Convulsions.....126	Convulsions.....121	Scarlatina.....138	Cancers.....125	Accidents.....102	Convulsions and Fits.....2,203	21.7
Diphtheria.....119	Diphtheria.....95	Diphtheria.....101	Dysentery and Diarrhea.....119	Dysentery and Diarrhea.....98	Croup.....96	Croup.....2,013	19.8

* 25 years, 1858 to 1882, inclusive.

Table L shows how closely pneumonia follows consumption, from year to year, as a cause of death.

In 1880, when scarlatina had such large and fatal epidemic prevalence in Providence city and surrounding towns, pneumonia prevailed only as secondary, in point of mortality, to that disease.

It is not unusual that some important disease should remain in abeyance, or prevail in largely reduced numbers, during the unusual or epidemic prevalence of some other disease, important in regard to severity and fatality.

And so, in 1877 and 1878, diphtheria took second place as a cause of death. But in the course of years pneumonia maintains its pre-eminence in regard to fatality, second only to consumption.

Cholera infantum prevailed rather largely in 1884, jumping from seventh place, in 1883, to third place in 1884.

Apoplexy and paralysis also, as may be seen, reached an important point in regard to proportion in 1884, exhibiting in numbers a larger mortality than ever before reported.

TABLE LI.

A summary of Deaths in Rhode Island in 1884, from twenty leading causes, showing the Number, Sex, Parentage, Season, Ages and Localities.

	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Brain, Diseases of.	Bronchitis.	Cancer.	Cholera Infantum.	Consumption.	Croup.	Diarrhea.	Diphtheria.	Dysentery.	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Hoopmg Cough.	Kidneys, Disease of.	Liver Disease of.	Old Age.	Pneumonia and Conges- tion of Lungs.	Scarlatina.	Stomach, Diseases of.
Number of decedents from each cause.	180	297	148	118	156	325	739	80	113	119	40	165	285	43	118	48	293	363	97	38
PAR. AGE. SEX.																				
{ Males.....	135	135	90	58	39	177	322	40	55	65	19	83	135	17	53	22	101	167	39	16
{ Females.....	45	163	58	60	117	148	417	40	58	54	21	82	150	26	65	26	192	196	58	22
{ American.....	85	176	77	48	88	139	277	32	53	47	16	78	163	23	66	23	196	192	41	19
{ Foreign	95	122	71	70	68	186	462	48	60	72	24	87	122	20	52	25	97	171	56	19
{ January.....	14	31	15	9	10	3	57	11	4	8	....	10	22	....	11	3	24	45	6	5
{ February.....	6	18	7	16	12	4	49	6	2	5	....	9	13	....	8	6	21	46	5	3
{ March	16	22	13	11	13	2	61	8	3	12	1	6	26	....	13	6	24	39	4	2
{ April.....	19	31	13	11	9	....	75	8	5	2	....	10	26	1	7	3	26	50	4	3
{ May.....	16	17	9	12	16	1	69	2	....	5	2	10	38	3	11	4	23	34	8	3
{ June	22	23	6	4	15	13	53	....	9	1	....	7	18	3	8	3	13	14	8	2
{ July.....	21	23	11	9	9	3	53	3	22	2	....	11	17	7	5	3	18	12	3	1
{ August.....	10	26	18	9	12	113	70	2	27	9	6	14	19	12	9	2	22	31	5	4
{ September.....	11	29	19	8	13	61	64	4	17	12	12	24	30	5	12	4	28	10	6	3
{ October.....	18	25	9	10	14	25	64	7	15	15	8	37	27	6	9	5	45	28	17	6
{ November.....	15	18	12	9	24	3	54	13	6	24	2	18	26	3	13	3	23	34	19	4
{ December.....	12	36	17	15	9	6	70	16	31	24	1	9	23	3	12	6	21	48	12	3

TABLE LI.—Continued.

A summary of Deaths in Rhode Island in 1884, from twenty leading causes, showing the Number, Sex, Parentage, Season, Ages and Localities.

	Accidents.	Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Brain, Diseases of.	Bronchitis.	Cancer.	Cholera Infantum.	Consumption.	Croup.	Diphtheria.	Dysentery.	Fevers, Typhoid, &c.	Heart, Diseases of.	Whooping Cough.	Kidneys, Disease of.	Liver, Disease of.	Old Age.	Pneumonia and Conges- tion of Lungs.	Scarlatina.	Stomach, Diseases of.
Under 5 years.	39	9	77	53	1	325	37	64	70	84	14	16	7	41	1	4	103	68	1
5 and under 10.	10	3	15	2	...	...	4	14	1	3	8	2	2	2	3	1	14	24	1
10 "	9	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	2	...	13	4	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
15 "	10	1	5	1	...	...	70	...	1	4	19	25	...	...	...	...	11	...	2
20 "	22	7	2	2	...	...	237	1	1	4	47	21	...	...	...	...	23	1	...
30 "	17	16	4	1	12	...	153	1	4	...	22	21	...	...	...	...	34	1	...
40 "	19	21	6	2	30	...	98	...	...	...	9	32	...	...	...	...	24	...	...
50 "	15	32	10	9	41	...	57	...	5	1	12	45	...	...	...	...	32	...	3
60 "	15	68	15	19	40	...	37	...	8	...	5	61	...	...	...	...	53	...	8
70 "	14	95	8	19	24	...	23	...	15	...	5	50	...	...	...	...	37	...	5
80 and over.	7	45	8	9	6	...	7	...	4	...	3	32	...	...	...	...	23	...	4
Not stated.	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	1
Bristol County	5	21	4	7	2	10	21	2	10	8	...	7	6	5	5	5	10	...	1
Kent County	16	14	9	...	18	12	37	11	2	1	3	7	17	...	11	3	20	...	1
Newport County Towns	5	18	1	2	7	2	10	1	4	5	1	5	12	...	4	...	14	...	1
Newport City	6	10	7	6	14	24	33	3	2	4	4	7	14	...	8	5	25	...	2
Providence County Towns	57	108	41	42	71	114	248	29	47	39	19	60	89	...	28	2	106	...	7
Providence City	76	105	83	62	40	144	344	34	47	58	9	64	137	...	54	31	86	...	20
Washington County	15	22	3	...	4	19	46	...	1	4	4	13	2	...	8	2	26	...	6

AGES.

LOCALITY.

COMMENTS.

In the following remarks upon several of the principal causes of death, in Rhode Island, during the year 1884, an alphabetical order will be followed, as presented in Table LI.

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS.

The number of deaths from accidental causes of all kinds, reported in Rhode Island, in 1884, was 180. This number is 27 more than during 1883.

Of these 180 deaths 20 were from burns and scalds; 41 by drowning; 31 from falls; 7 from poisoning; 16 from railroad accidents; 12 from asphyxia, and 65 from accidents too numerous to specify.

Of the whole number of deaths by accident 135 were males, and 45 were females; 85 were of American, and 95 were of foreign parentage.

Of the sexes the proportion was 75 per cent. of male decedents, to 25 per cent. of female decedents. Of parentage, 53 per cent. was of foreign, and 47 per cent of American.

The number of deaths in each division of the year was as follows:

First Quarter	36	Third Quarter	42
Second Quarter	57	Fourth Quarter.....	45
First half	93	Second half.....	87
Whole Year	180		

In regard to periods of life, the decedents from accidental causes were divided as follows: Under 5 years, 39; 5 and under 10, 10; between 10 and 20, 19; between 20 and 40, 39; between 40 and 60, 34; over 60, 36; and 3, age not stated.

In regard to sectional divisions of the State, 5 of the deaths from accidental causes were in Bristol county; 16 in Kent county; 11 in Newport county; 15 in Washington county, and 133 in Providence county.

The whole number of deaths from accidental causes, in 1884, *in proportion to the whole number of deaths* from specified causes, in the State, was about three and one-half per cent.

APOPLEXY AND PARALYSIS.

There were 298 deaths from apoplexy and paralysis in Rhode Island, in 1884, according to the returns. The number reported is 23 more than in the year 1883, and 33 more than in 1882.

The following Table will present some of the social and local relations of apoplexy and paralysis, as causes of death, during the last twenty years:

TABLE LII.

Showing the whole number and percentage of the Deaths in the State, from Apoplexy and Paralysis combined: and also the Sex and Parentage of the Decedents from these causes, and the number of the same in each of the Counties, from 1865 to 1884, inclusive.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	APOPLEXY AND PARALYSIS.											
		Number from Apoplexy and Paralysis.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	100	2.93	52	48	81	19	9	8	14	23	38	8
1866.....	2,970	92	3.09	46	46	80	12	8	5	17	24	29	9
1867.....	2,889	124	4.29	59	65	101	23	9	9	13	35	49	9
1868.....	2,912	111	3.81	56	55	86	25	9	6	19	27	46	4
1869.....	3,382	117	3.46	55	62	92	25	12	13	18	20	48	6
1870.....	3,238	130	4.32	68	62	105	25	14	10	10	39	52	5
1871.....	3,344	156	4.66	73	83	113	43	10	17	15	40	61	13
1872.....	4,247	125	2.97	62	63	96	29	17	9	10	27	52	10
1873.....	4,403	134	3.04	59	75	109	25	9	8	17	26	57	17
1874.....	4,229	156	3.69	84	72	120	36	14	10	16	42	59	15
1875.....	4,317	166	3.61	79	87	133	33	7	13	17	46	75	8
1876.....	4,116	165	4.01	79	86	130	35	13	11	13	45	68	1
1877.....	4,450	181	4.07	87	94	128	58	10	10	16	52	74	19
1878.....	4,441	188	4.23	104	84	145	43	12	16	21	58	66	15
1879.....	4,472	220	4.92	114	106	146	74	12	9	29	71	89	10
1880.....	4,829	215	4.67	109	106	157	58	18	13	22	71	78	13
1881.....	5,016	244	4.86	116	128	170	74	17	15	25	70	101	16
1882.....	5,074	265	5.22	139	126	168	97	15	29	25	65	117	15
1883.....	5,282	275	5.22	138	137	192	83	11	28	22	75	118	21
1884.....	5,141	298	5.80	135	163	176	122	21	14	28	108	105	22
Total.....	82,157	3,462	4.21	1,696	1,748	2,523	939	247	253	366	964	1,382	250

The above Table will show, very conclusively, that apoplexy and paralysis have gradually and almost regularly acquired a greater prominence as causes of death.

From a percentage of less than three per hundred of all causes of death, in 1865, the proportion has increased to a percentage nearly twice as large.

TABLE LIII.

Showing the ages of Decedents from Apoplexy and Paralysis, in each of the last twenty years.

APOPLEXY AND PARALYSIS.	PERIODS OF LIFE.							
	Under 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 and over.
1865.....	.....	3	5	6	19	20	28	19
1866.....	1	1	7	16	9	24	27	7
1867.....	2	.....	6	6	15	38	40	17
1868.....	2	3	3	11	16	27	31	16
1869.....	1	1	5	12	20	28	34	15
1870.....	4	1	10	9	12	33	41	20
1871.....	3	4	7	14	21	46	45	15
1872.....	1	4	5	17	20	26	41	11
1873.....	2	3	4	14	22	35	37	16
1874.....	1	2	9	9	30	39	40	25
1875.....	6	2	8	19	23	40	45	22
1876.....	4	4	4	13	25	43	49	23
1877.....	1	2	9	12	24	50	61	22
1878.....	4	2	7	14	41	40	53	26
1879.....	4	6	11	18	27	57	59	38
1880.....	1	2	8	18	21	59	70	34
1881.....	1	7	11	20	36	55	70	42
1882.....	4	5	14	28	41	57	77	38
1883.....	8	4	11	19	45	56	83	49
1884.....	10	7	16	21	32	68	95	45
Total.....	60	63	160	296	499	841	1,015	500

It may be of interest to show the proportion of deaths from apoplexy and paralysis in 1884, to the population in each of the different sections of the State, by the census of 1885 :

PROPORTION TO POPULATION.

Bristol County.....	One in every 540 persons.
Kent County.....	One in every 1,544 persons.
Newport County.....	One in every 1,008 persons.
Providence County Towns.....	One in every 950 persons.
Providence City.....	One in every 1,029 persons.
Washington County.....	One in every 1,017 persons.
Whole State.....	One in every 1,020 persons.

DISEASES OF THE BRAIN.

Under the head of "Diseases of the Brain," in Table LI, there are included all those diseases returned as "Cerebral Meningitis," "Cerebritis," "Congestion," "Inflammation," and "Diseases of the Brain."

The whole number, 148, is 31 less than in the previous year.

The proportions of deaths from these causes to whole number of deaths from all causes, during each of the last six years, are as follows :

1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
3.72 per cent.	3.49 per cent.	3.57 per cent.	3.60 per cent.	3.40 per cent.	2.90 per cent.

Of the 148 decedents, 90 were males, and 58 were females. In regard to parentage, 77 were of American, and 71 of foreign parentage.

The deaths in the different seasons of the year were as follows :

First Quarter.....	34	Third Quarter.....	48
Second Quarter.....	28	Fourth Quarter.....	38
	—		—
First half.....	62	Last half.....	86
Whole number.....	148		

The largest number of deaths from diseases of the brain have usually occurred in the third quarter of the year.

Brain diseases occur largely in children. Of the 148 decedents from those causes, in 1884, 77 were under five years of age, and 92 were under ten years of age.

BRONCHITIS.

The number of decedents, in 1884, whose deaths were reported as having been caused by bronchitis, was 118. This is a larger number than was ever before returned in a single year.

Of the 118 decedents, 58 were males, and 60 were females; or at the rate of 96.6 males to each 100 females.

In relation to parentage, 48 were of American, and 70 of foreign parentage.

TABLE LIV.

Showing the whole number of decedents in the State from Bronchitis, with the percentage of whole number of deaths, the Sex, Parentage, and Localities of Occurrence during each of the twenty years from 1865 to 1884, inclusive.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	BRONCHITIS.											
		Number of Deaths from Bronchitis.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	9	.27	4	5	6	3	1	.....	3	.....	5	.....
1866.....	2,970	14	.51	3	11	10	4	.....	1	2	7	4	.....
1867.....	2,889	19	.71	8	11	10	9	1	2	1	5	10	.....
1868.....	2,912	20	.76	9	11	7	13	.....	1	2	5	10	2
1869.....	3,382	20	.65	8	12	9	11	.....	.....	1	4	15	.....
1870.....	3,238	26	.84	15	11	11	15	.....	.....	8	8	17	.....
1871.....	3,344	24	.78	10	14	11	13	.....	1	1	5	17	.....
1872.....	4,247	25	.65	10	15	11	14	1	1	1	6	16	.....
1873.....	4,403	27	.64	12	15	11	16	.....	.....	1	7	18	1
1874.....	4,229	39	.96	22	17	12	27	.....	.....	.....	6	32	1
1875.....	4,317	57	1.39	32	25	29	28	.....	.....	1	21	33	2
1876.....	4,116	57	1.46	23	34	26	31	.....	2	.....	7	46	2
1877.....	4,450	69	1.62	32	37	35	34	1	1	1	22	44	.....
1878.....	4,441	80	1.89	30	50	37	43	1	2	6	22	48	1
1879.....	4,472	62	1.47	31	31	31	31	1	1	5	21	34	.....
1880.....	4,829	91	1.98	49	42	44	47	1	6	6	21	56	1
1881.....	5,016	84	1.80	48	36	39	45	1	1	2	25	53	2
1882.....	5,074	100	2.08	39	61	47	53	3	2	6	25	60	4
1883.....	5,282	111	2.10	56	55	51	60	5	2	3	42	57	2
1884.....	5,141	118	2.29	58	60	40	70	7	.....	8	42	62	.....
Total, 20 years...	82,157	1,052	1.26	499	553	477	567	23	23	51	301	637	18

It will be noticed that bronchitis as a cause of death, according to the returns, has increased more than eight fold during the last twenty years.

Remarks in relation to the increased proportion of deaths from bronchitis were made at some length in the Thirtieth Registration Report.

Fifty-three of the deaths from bronchitis were under 5 years of age, and 48 were over 60 years of age, leaving but 17 for all other periods of life.

CANCER.

The decedents whose deaths were reported as caused by cancer, used as a general term, including various kinds, and in all localities, numbered 156.

The percentage of whole number of deaths, in 1884, was 3.05; in 1883 it was 3.20; in 1882 it was 2.75; in 1881 it was 2.90; as against 2.72 in 1880, and 2.96 in 1879.

The varieties of cancer, as reported, may be found in Tables VIII and IX, on pages 17 and 23. They are classed in Table X as follows: Cancer in various localities, or cancer (various), 94; cancer of the breast, 18; of the stomach, 22; of the uterus, 22.

In 1884 the deaths from cancer, in the several seasons of the year, were as follows:

First Quarter.....	35	Third Quarter.....	34
Second Quarter.....	40	Fourth Quarter.....	47
	—		—
First half.....	75	Last half.....	81
Whole number.....		156	

CHILD-BIRTH.

Under the head of "Child-birth" are included puerperal fever, puerperal convulsions, and whatever causes that can only occur as the result of child-birth.

The number reported in 1884 was 47; 27 of which were from the immediate effects of child-birth, including metritis, &c., 8 from puerperal convulsions, and 12 from puerperal fever.

Of the whole number, 17 were of American, and 30 of foreign parentage.

During the year 1884 the deaths occurred as follows:

First Quarter.....	11	Second Quarter.....	14
Third Quarter.....	11	Fourth Quarter.....	11

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

The number of deaths from cholera infantum, according to the returns for 1884, was 325.

Of the 325 decedents, 177 were males, and 148 were females; or 120 males to every 100 females.

Of parentage, 139 were of American, and 186 of foreign parentage; or 120 of foreign to every 100 of American parentage.

In proportion to the population, by the census of 1885, the deaths occurred in the different divisions of the State as follows:

Bristol County.....	One in every 1,133 persons.
Kent County.....	One in every 665 persons.
Newport County.....	One in every 1,086 persons.
Providence County Towns.....	One in every 900 persons.
Providence City.....	One in every 820 persons.
Washington County.....	One in every 1,177 persons.
Entire State.....	One in every 936 persons.

The following Table shows the whole number of reported deaths from cholera infantum; the sex and parentage of the decedents; and the number in each of the larger divisions of the State, in each of the last twenty years:

TABLE LV.

YEARS.	CHOLERA INFANTUM.										
	Number of Deaths.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
		Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	145	63	82	61	84	17	7	14	48	50	9
1866.....	110	67	43	50	60	1	7	8	39	47	8
1867.....	117	64	53	62	55	4	3	7	45	49	9
1868.....	154	85	69	66	88	13	4	12	44	70	11
1869.....	151	81	70	79	72	6	15	6	48	65	11
1870.....	213	106	107	95	118	15	15	13	69	93	8
1871.....	172	85	87	82	90	14	12	12	59	62	13
1872.....	391	195	196	167	224	16	16	21	157	151	30
1873.....	285	148	137	165	120	17	14	16	120	99	19
1874.....	265	140	125	115	150	4	12	5	84	134	26
1875.....	318	156	162	155	163	20	16	20	108	136	18
1876.....	250	131	119	105	145	5	12	29	68	124	12
1877.....	259	139	120	96	163	12	12	9	96	122	7
1878.....	168	96	72	73	95	7	14	7	64	71	5
1879.....	161	88	73	71	90	8	16	21	51	50	6
1880.....	247	123	124	109	138	13	11	10	93	100	20
1881.....	240	130	110	102	138	10	22	14	75	102	17
1882.....	325	173	152	133	192	20	11	19	132	130	13
1883.....	242	124	118	104	138	12	7	22	88	108	5
1884.....	325	177	148	139	186	10	12	26	114	144	19
Total, 20 years	4,538	2,371	2,167	2,029	2,509	224	239	291	1,602	1,916	266

The number of decedents from cholera infantum, during the twenty years from 1865 to 1884, inclusive, was 4,538.

The proportion to total mortality, for the period of twenty years, was 5.5 per cent. For 1884 the proportion was 6.3 per cent.

There were 109 males to every 100 females among the decedents during the twenty years, and 123.6 decedents of foreign parentage to every 100 of American, during the same period.

CONSUMPTION.

The decedents from consumption, during 1884, numbered 739. In 1883 the number was 766, and in 1882 it was 737.

Sex.—Of these 739 decedents 322 were males, and 417 were females; or 130 female decedents to every 100 male decedents; or 43.6 males and 56.4 females in every 100 decedents from consumption.

Parentage.—The parentage was as follows: American, 277; foreign, 462; or 160 of foreign parentage to every 100 of American; or 62.5 of foreign and 37.5 of American parentage in every 100 decedents.

During the ten years from 1872 to 1881, inclusive, the whole number of deaths from consumption, as reported, was 6,333. Of this number 2,963 were of American, and 3,370 were of foreign parentage.

The proportions were, therefore, as follows: 113.7 of foreign parentage to every 100 of American; or 46.8 of American parentage, and 53.2 of foreign in every 100 decedents.

During the three years from 1882 to 1884, inclusive, there were 2,242 decedents from consumption in the State. Of these 835 were of American, and 1,407 were of foreign parentage.

The proportions were 168.5 of foreign parentage to each 100 of American; or 37.3 per cent. of the decedents were of American, and 62.7 per cent. were of foreign parentage.

The following summary will show the number of decedents from consumption, in each class of parentage, in each of the last ten years, that is, from 1875 to 1884, inclusive:

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
American Parentage.....	313.....	316.....	296.....	296.....	278.....	287.....	277.....	272.....	286.....	277
Foreign Parentage.....	337.....	339.....	365.....	380.....	359.....	355.....	429.....	465.....	480.....	462

Season.—The largest number of deaths from consumption occurred in the month of April, i. e., 75; in August and December there were 70 each.

In June and July there were 53 each, and in February the smallest number of any month, i. e., 49.

The following summary will show the number in the quarterly periods of 1884:

First Quarter.....	167	Third Quarter.....	187
Second Quarter.....	197	Fourth Quarter.....	188
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First Half.....	364	Second Half.....	375
Total.....		739	

Ages.—During 1884, of the 739 decedents from consumption, 237, or nearly one-third, were between the ages of 20 and 30, and 153, or more than one-fifth, were between the ages of 30 and 40.

It will be seen that consumption is most destructive of life between the twentieth and fortieth years of age.

In order to show more concisely the relation of age to mortality from consumption, during 1884, the following synopsis is presented :

Under 10 years of age.....	41
Between 10 and 20 years.....	86
Between 20 and 30 years.....	237
Between 30 and 40 years.....	153
Between 40 and 50 years.....	98
Between 50 and 70 years.....	94
Over 70 years.....	30
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Total.....	739

Locality.—As would naturally be expected, there is a very considerable difference in the proportion of deaths from consumption to the whole number of deaths from known causes, in different years in the same locality, as well as in different localities in the same year.

The following Table shows the total deaths from all reported *known causes*, with the number and percentage of deaths from consumption to the same, in each of the larger divisions of the State, and in the whole State, in each of the last eighteen years, and in the aggregate for a period of twenty-five years, from 1860 to 1884, inclusive :

TABLE LVI.—CONSUMPTION.—*Locality, Number and Percentage.*

COUNTIES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	Total 25 years. 1860-1884.
BRISTOL COUNTY.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	144	129	165	146	150	184	*173	159	162	148	201	187	141	209	203	183	197	199	4,135
Consumption.....	18	21	26	26	16	23	16	18	21	19	27	23	16	19	25	36	19	21	543
Percentage.....	12.50	16.28	15.76	17.81	10.67	12.50	8.24	11.32	12.97	12.83	13.43	12.30	11.35	9.09	12.31	19.67	9.64	10.50	13.13
KENT COUNTY.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	214	168	265	238	281	248	241	252	263	209	251	249	277	293	313	288	283	268	6,206
Consumption.....	56	38	50	46	63	33	42	32	43	28	42	41	38	45	36	51	39	37	1,078
Percentage.....	26.17	22.62	18.86	19.33	22.42	13.30	17.43	12.69	16.35	13.39	16.73	16.47	13.73	15.35	11.20	17.71	13.78	13.43	17.37
NEWPORT COUNTY.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	302	289	259	271	214	262	366	221	277	280	243	265	330	324	346	378	401	403	7,869
Consumption.....	47	43	40	37	23	29	44	26	41	45	33	31	45	34	51	46	55	43	1,036
Percentage.....	15.56	14.88	15.44	13.66	10.75	11.06	12.02	11.77	14.80	16.07	13.58	11.69	13.64	10.49	14.74	12.17	13.72	10.67	13.80
PROVIDENCE CO. TOWNS.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	902	778	912	964	989	1,331	1,389	1,217	1,230	1,110	1,391	1,308	1,233	1,437	1,451	1,509	1,650	1,723	28,161
Consumption.....	210	158	180	172	195	321	197	136	201	211	222	239	197	189	220	224	257	248	4,799
Percentage.....	23.28	20.29	19.74	17.84	19.72	16.73	14.18	11.42	16.34	19.01	15.96	17.51	15.98	15.35	15.16	14.83	15.52	14.13	17.04

TABLE LVI.—CONSUMPTION.—*Locality, Number and Percentage.*—Continued.

COUNTIES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	Total 25 years. 1860-1884.
PROVIDENCE CITY.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	945	1,086	1,240	1,249	1,239	1,581	1,725	1,965	1,894	1,850	1,932	1,973	2,017	2,063	2,130	2,230	2,351	2,237	39,195
Consumption	189	214	210	238	185	242	230	270	297	284	294	305	293	322	344	351	364	344	6,374
Percentage.....	20.00	18.71	16.95	19.06	16.74	15.31	13.33	13.74	15.68	15.35	15.22	15.46	14.53	15.60	16.15	15.73	15.43	15.43	16.26
WASHINGTON COUNTY.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	187	173	241	233	222	265	292	263	284	306	240	249	220	270	226	215	208	279	5,711
Consumption	39	38	53	56	35	49	51	44	47	68	43	47	48	33	30	29	32	46	1,031
Percentage.....	20.86	21.96	17.84	24.04	15.76	18.49	17.47	16.73	16.55	22.22	17.91	18.88	21.82	12.22	13.27	13.49	15.40	16.28	18.05
WHOLE STATE.																			
Total Deaths, stated causes..	2,694	2,624	3,082	3,101	3,095	3,871	4,186	4,077	4,110	3,903	4,258	4,231	4,218	4,596	4,669	4,803	5,096	5,099	91,477
Consumption	559	512	549	475	527	597	580	529	650	655	661	676	637	642	706	737	766	739	14,911
Percentage.....	20.74	19.51	17.81	18.52	17.03	15.41	13.86	12.96	15.79	16.78	15.52	15.98	15.10	14.02	15.12	15.33	15.03	14.34	16.30

Although consumption has less variability from year to year than other diseases, in the proportion of its mortality to the mortality from all other causes, it will nevertheless be seen, by the preceding Tables, that it is also subject to considerable variation.

In Bristol county the proportions have had a range of from about 19.7 per cent. of all specified causes of death, in 1882, to about 8.2 per cent. in 1873. During the period of twenty-five years consumption in that county has been the cause of more than one-eighth of all the deaths from stated causes.

In Kent county more than one-quarter of all deaths reported, in 1867, was returned as caused by consumption, while in 1881 only one-ninth of the mortality had that cause. During the period of a quarter of a century the proportion was more than one-sixth of all reported causes of death.

In Newport county the range has not been so large. The proportions have been between 16.1 per cent., in 1876, and 10.5 per cent. in 1880. For the twenty-five year period somewhat more than one-eighth of all the deaths from stated causes was caused by consumption.

The proportions in Providence county towns have ranged from 23.3 per cent., in 1867, to 11.5 per cent. in 1874. For the long period shown in the Table the proportion was rather more than one-sixth of all deaths from known causes.

In Providence city the largest proportion recorded during the last eighteen years was 20.0 per cent., in 1867, and the smallest, 13.3 per cent., in 1872. During the period of twenty-five years the proportion of deaths from consumption was somewhat less than one-sixth of all deaths from stated causes.

Washington county has usually returned a large proportion of deaths from consumption. The range has been from 24.0 per cent., in 1870, to 12.2 per cent. in 1880. This county shows the largest proportion of mortality from consumption of any localities presented in Table LVI, for the quarter of a century period, that is, more than eighteen in every hundred deaths from known causes.

In the whole State the proportions have not been so variable as in some of the counties. The range has been between 20.7 per cent., in 1867, and 13.0 per cent. in 1874. During the twenty-five years from 1860 to 1884, inclusive, the mortality from consumption has been nearly one-sixth of all deaths from stated causes.

CONSUMPTION. PROPORTION TO POPULATION.

1884.

Bristol County.....	One death from consumption in every 540 persons.
Kent County.....	One death from consumption in every 584 persons.
Newport County.....	One death from consumption in every 656 persons.
Providence County Towns.....	One death from consumption in every 430 persons.
Providence City.....	One death from consumption in every 343 persons.
Washington County.....	One death from consumption in every 486 persons.
State.....	One death from consumption in every 411 persons.

CONSUMPTION. PROPORTION BY PARENTAGE.

The population by parentage, by the census of 1885, had not been ascertained at the time of this writing, and the population of 1880 is, therefore, the basis of the following presentation :

1884.

	Population, 1880.	Decedents		Of population one in every.	In every 1,000
		from consumption			
		in 1884.			
American parentage.....	139,117.....	277.....	502.....	2.00	
Foreign parentage.....	137,414.....	462.....	297.....	3.36	

There were, in every 10,000 of the living population of American parentage, 20.0 deaths from consumption, and in every 10,000 of the population of foreign parentage there were 33.6 deaths from consumption.

CROUP.

There were 80 decedents from croup, in Rhode Island, in 1884. There were 71 in 1883, 77 in 1882, and 101 in 1881. As a cause of death croup has diminished in importance during the last twenty years, as may be seen in Table LVII.

Sex.—Of the 80 decedents from croup, in 1884, there were 40 males and 40 females, a proportion of 100 males to each 100 females, which is not in accordance with the rule of twenty-five years, in which there has been a predominance of males.

Parentage.—There were 32 decedents of American parentage, and 48 of foreign parentage. The proportions were in the ratio of 150 of foreign to each 100 of American parentage.

Age.—There were 10 of the decedents under one year of age, 15 of one year and under two, 39 of two years and under five, and 14 between five and ten.

Of the 80 deaths from croup, 63 occurred in Providence county.

DIARRHŒA AND DYSENTERY.

There were 153 decedents from diarrhœa and dysentery, in 1884.

Sex.—Of the 153, 74 were males, and 79 were females, or in the ratio of about 93 males to each 100 females.

Parentage.—There were, of the 153 decedents, 69 of American parentage, and 84 of foreign parentage, or a proportion of about 122 of foreign parentage to every 100 of American.

Age.—There were 84 of the decedents from diarrhœa and dysentery under 5 years of age, and there were 27 over 70 years of age, leaving 42 only for all the years between 5 and 70.

Locality.—Of the 153 decedents 122 were in Providence county.

Season.—There were 92 of the deaths from diarrhœa and dysentery that occurred during the months of July, August and September.

DIPHTHERIA.

The number of deaths from diphtheria, in 1884, was 119.

Sex.—Of the 119 decedents 65 were males, and 54 were females, or a proportion of 120 males to each 100 females.

Parentage.—There were 47 of American, and 72 of foreign parentage, a proportion of about 40 of American and 60 of foreign in each 100 decedents.

Season.—There were 25 deaths from diphtheria in the first quarter, 8 in the second quarter, 23 in the third quarter, and 63 in the fourth quarter.

Age.—There were 84 under five years of age, and 24 between five and ten. One decedent was 54 years of age.

Locality.—Of the 119 decedents 97 were in Providence county, 1 only in Kent county, 4 in Washington county, 9 in Newport county, and 8 in Bristol county.

CROUP AND DIPHTHERIA.

For the purpose of comparison of the two diseases, from year to year, the following Table will show the number of deaths and the sex of the decedents in Rhode Island, from croup and from diphtheria,

in each of the seven years from 1858 to 1864, inclusive, and also the number, the sex and the *parentage* of the decedents from croup and from diphtheria, in each of the last twenty years, from 1865 to 1884, inclusive:

TABLE LVII.

YEARS.	CROUP.					DIPHTHERIA.				
	Number of Deaths.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		Number of Deaths.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.	
		Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.		Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.
1858.....	69	35	34	.....	.....	6	1	5	.....	.....
1859.....	58	37	21	.....	.....	20	10	10	.....	.....
1860.....	57	27	30	.....	.....	67	24	43	.....	.....
1861.....	58	32	26	.....	.....	140	66	74	.....	.....
1862.....	73	34	39	.....	.....	81	81	59	.....	.....
1863.....	97	51	46	.....	.....	155	73	82	.....	.....
1864.....	105	48	57	.....	.....	160	67	93	.....	.....
1865.....	94	44	50	32	62	82	41	41	62	20
1866.....	53	26	27	22	31	64	26	38	36	28
1867.....	50	25	25	21	29	31	14	17	19	12
1868.....	30	13	17	14	16	20	8	12	11	9
1869.....	41	19	22	14	27	33	18	15	19	14
1870.....	53	29	24	25	28	33	17	16	18	15
1871.....	72	39	33	31	41	57	23	34	29	28
1872.....	66	37	29	17	49	48	24	24	35	13
1873.....	68	30	38	35	33	45	24	21	35	10
1874.....	65	39	26	38	27	59	30	29	37	22
1875.....	96	53	43	43	53	33	17	16	18	15
1876.....	102	50	52	42	60	159	77	82	69	90
1877.....	95	48	47	34	61	492	239	253	233	259
1878.....	93	45	48	43	50	435	224	211	201	234
1879.....	96	58	38	40	56	259	121	138	143	116
1880.....	66	32	34	27	39	152	73	79	75	77
1881.....	101	45	56	38	63	216	106	110	118	98
1882.....	77	41	36	32	45	101	48	53	55	46
1883.....	71	32	39	33	38	95	39	56	45	50
1884.....	80	40	40	32	48	119	65	54	47	72
Total, 27 years.....	1,986	1,009	977	613	856	3,162	1,506	1,656	1,305	1,228

During the twenty-seven years the whole number of deaths from croup was 1,986, and the number from diphtheria was 3,162.

For every 100 deaths from croup there were 159.2 deaths from diphtheria.

CROUP. SEX AND PARENTAGE.

The proportions of the sexes of the decedents from croup, in the aggregate of twenty-seven years, were as follows: To every 100 female decedents there were 103.2 male decedents; or 52 males and 48 females in every 100 decedents.

During the twenty years from 1865 to 1884, inclusive, the decedents from croup, of American parentage, numbered 613, and of foreign parentage 856. To every 100 decedents of American parentage there were 135.6 of foreign parentage; or 41.7 of American and 58.3 foreign in every 100 decedents.

DIPHTHERIA. SEX AND PARENTAGE.

Of the 3,162 decedents from diphtheria, in the aggregate of twenty-seven years, there were 1,506 males and 1,656 females; a proportion of 110 females to every 100 males; or 52.4 females and 47.6 males in every 100 decedents.

Of the parentage of the decedents from diphtheria, during the last twenty years, 1,305 were of American, and 1,228 of foreign parentage. There were 106.3 of American to every 100 of foreign; or 51.2 of American and 48.8 of foreign parentage in every 100 decedents.

SEASON AND MORTALITY.

The following Table will show the influence of season, in regard to mortality from croup for thirty years, and diphtheria for twenty-five, in which these diseases may also be compared with scarlatina, also for thirty years, to which they bear resemblance in some respects. The Table will give the whole number of deaths in each month during the periods named, and the average monthly and quarterly percentages of deaths from each disease. The Table is retained for ready reference:

TABLE LVIII.

MONTHS.	CROUP. 1853-1882.		DIPHTHERIA. 1858-1882.		SCARLATINA. 1853-1882.	
	Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	Number of Deaths.	Per cent.	Number of Deaths.	Per cent.
January.....	266	12.36	284	9.34	595	12.21
February.....	231	10.74	208	6.84	547	11.22
March.....	185	8.60	225	7.40	489	10.03
First Quarter.....	682	31.70	717	23.58	1,631	33.46
April.....	154	7.16	185	6.08	408	8.37
May.....	102	4.74	189	6.21	453	9.29
June.....	100	4.70	184	6.06	393	8.06
Second Quarter.....	356	16.60	558	18.35	1,254	25.72
July.....	68	3.14	160	5.01	289	5.93
August.....	55	2.56	188	5.90	233	4.78
September.....	142	6.60	281	9.13	223	4.57
Third Quarter.....	265	12.30	629	20.04	745	15.48
October.....	227	10.55	392	12.56	303	6.21
November.....	313	14.55	394	12.96	403	8.33
December.....	308	14.30	350	12.51	536	11.00
Fourth Quarter.....	848	39.40	1,136	38.03	1,242	25.54
Totals.....	2,151	100.00	3,040	100.00	4,872	100.00

FEVERS, TYPHOID, &C.

The number of decedents, whose deaths were returned as having been caused by "fever" of some form, was 165. Deaths from puerperal fever are not included.

The term "fever" includes the following types of febrile diseases, as may be seen in Table VIII, on page 30: "fevers," unspecified, 8; "bilious," 2; "malarial," 25; "typho-malarial," 4; "typhoid," 126.

The following Table exhibits, for each of the last twenty years, the

whole number of deaths in the State; the number and the percentage, and the sex and parentage of the decedents from fevers, and the number in each division of the State:

TABLE LIX.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	TYPHOID FEVER.											
		Typhoid Fever.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	229	6.4	114	115	149	80	8	17	22	82	79	21
1866.....	2,970	150	5.0	73	77	82	68	7	5	32	54	45	7
1867.....	2,889	119	4.1	60	59	84	35	9	10	17	47	31	5
1868.....	2,912	84	2.9	45	39	57	27	4	5	7	30	23	15
1869.....	3,382	101	3.0	53	48	79	22	7	7	1	37	33	16
1870.....	3,238	153	4.7	66	87	80	73	5	11	14	57	49	17
1871.....	3,344	125	3.7	60	65	69	56	2	8	10	41	51	13
1872.....	4,247	179	4.2	87	92	91	88	4	12	6	75	65	17
1873.....	4,403	172	3.9	73	99	113	59	4	9	9	61	56	33
1874.....	4,229	117	2.8	57	60	56	61	1	10	3	37	58	8
1875.....	4,317	147	3.4	73	74	90	57	1	4	6	49	69	18
1876.....	4,116	126	3.0	65	61	71	55	5	9	13	44	33	22
1877.....	4,450	134	3.0	63	71	65	69	8	10	8	52	44	12
1878.....	4,441	150	3.4	68	82	77	73	13	13	6	59	47	12
1879.....	4,472	114	2.7	47	67	63	51	4	13	6	44	40	7
1880.....	4,929	158	3.4	74	84	94	64	8	12	5	66	52	15
1881.....	5,016	143	2.8	74	69	74	69	4	13	14	58	41	13
1882.....	5,074	229	4.7	111	118	100	129	6	11	5	56	145	6
1883.....	5,282	258	4.8	146	112	117	141	9	16	10	82	134	7
1884.....	5,141	165	3.2	83	82	78	87	7	7	12	66	64	9
Total.....	82,157	3,053	3.7	1,492	1,561	1,689	1,364	116	202	206	1,097	1,159	273

The percentage of deaths from fever, in 1884, in proportion to total mortality, was smaller than in any year since 1881.

Sex.—Of the 165 decedents 83 were males, and 82 were females; or a proportion of about 101 males to every 100 females.

During the period of twenty years, 1865 to 1884, inclusive, the proportions of the sexes of the decedents from "fever," in Rhode Island, were 104.6 females to every 100 males.

Parentage.—There were 78 decedents from fever, of American parentage, in 1884, and 87 of foreign parentage, a proportion of about 53 of foreign and 47 of American in every 100 decedents.

The following Table shows the number of decedents from fevers, in each division of ages, in each of the last twenty years, in the State of Rhode Island :

TABLE LX.

TYPHOID FEVER.		PERIODS OF LIFE.										
YEARS.	Under 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 and over.	Not stated.	
1865.....	35	18	46	54	30	14	18	7	5	2	....
1866.....	23	10	21	26	21	16	9	14	10	....	....
1867.....	17	6	23	33	12	11	8	4	2	2	1	
1868.....	10	7	10	21	8	8	10	4	5	....	....
1869.....	10	8	14	28	9	7	9	8	6	2	....
1870.....	15	13	28	39	16	20	7	7	6	1	....
1871.....	13	10	20	28	18	16	9	4	5	2	....
1872.....	17	18	34	54	20	9	12	11	3	1	....
1873.....	27	12	34	31	25	13	13	7	8	2	....
1874.....	10	14	26	32	9	5	10	3	6	2	....
1875.....	23	14	19	43	18	10	10	6	4	....	....
1876.....	21	10	15	24	14	9	6	16	6	3	2	
1877.....	22	13	13	36	20	8	5	7	2	2	1	
1878.....	17	16	27	47	13	11	12	2	3	2	....
1879.....	19	7	14	26	15	6	3	12	8	3	1	
1880.....	25	12	24	43	23	12	10	5	3	....	1
1881.....	25	9	19	27	14	11	9	12	11	4	....
1882.....	24	22	44	69	27	14	9	10	9	1	....
1883.....	36	25	46	75	31	12	11	10	8	2	2	
1884.....	24	13	19	47	22	9	12	10	5	3	1	
Totals.....	413	257	496	793	365	221	192	159	115	34	9	

Of the 3,053 decedents from fever, during the last twenty years, 1,166 were under 20 years of age, and 1,158 were between 20 and 40

years of age. There was, therefore, about 38 per cent. of the decedents under 20 years of age, and about the same per cent. between 20 and 40; or about 76 per cent. of the whole number of decedents were under 40 years of age.

DISEASES OF THE HEART.

The number of decedents from diseases of the heart, as reported in 1884, was 285. The number is 40 less than that of 1883.

Sex.—There were 135 male decedents, and 150 female decedents; a proportion of 90 males to every 100 females.

Parentage.—Of the 285 decedents from diseases of the heart, in 1884, there were 163 of American parentage, and 122 of foreign, a proportion of 133.6 of American parentage to every 100 of foreign. This is in accordance with the invariable rule of the whole period of registration.

The following Table exhibits, for each of the last twenty years, 1865 to 1884, inclusive, the whole number of deaths in the State; the number and percentage, and the sex and parentage of the decedents from diseases of the heart, and the number of the same in each division of the State:

TABLE LXI.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	DISEASES OF THE HEART.											
		Diseases of the Heart.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	98	2.88	51	47	65	33	6	5	8	27	47	5
1866.....	2,970	115	3.87	58	57	90	25	7	8	10	41	40	9
1867.....	2,889	114	3.94	67	47	81	33	4	9	7	37	49	8
1868.....	2,912	116	3.96	58	58	79	37	5	8	12	35	52	4
1869.....	3,382	128	3.78	75	53	79	49	2	13	11	36	62	4
1870.....	3,238	117	3.61	77	40	77	40	4	10	8	35	59	1
1871.....	3,344	144	4.30	78	66	91	53	4	7	8	42	77	6
1872.....	4,247	189	4.45	104	85	119	70	5	9	10	59	88	13
1873.....	4,403	189	4.29	83	106	122	67	4	11	14	48	101	11
1874.....	4,229	214	5.06	109	105	150	64	6	6	28	50	106	18
1875.....	4,317	186	4.31	84	102	113	73	2	13	22	49	88	12
1876.....	4,116	166	4.03	81	80	109	57	9	11	10	38	86	12
1877.....	4,460	182	4.09	94	88	110	72	3	7	9	57	93	13
1878.....	4,441	166	3.73	88	78	109	57	5	11	15	38	83	14
1879.....	4,472	202	4.78	114	88	127	75	8	20	16	38	111	9
1880.....	4,829	231	5.03	125	106	146	85	9	21	29	59	104	9
1881.....	5,016	264	5.65	131	133	154	110	9	21	24	73	121	16
1882.....	5,074	255	5.31	116	139	162	93	8	16	23	55	142	11
1883.....	5,282	325	6.20	167	158	179	146	8	27	30	70	172	18
1884.....	5,141	285	5.60	135	150	163	122	6	16	25	87	139	12
Total, 20 years...	82,157	3,686	4.48	1,900	1,786	2,305	1,381	114	249	309	974	1,825	205

Sex.—Of the 3,686 persons deceased from diseases of the heart, in the last twenty years, 1,900 were males, and 1,786 were females; or 106.4 males to each 100 females.

Parentage.—The remarkable difference in the proportion of deaths from diseases of the heart, in the American and foreign parentage, in the above Table, will scarcely fail to be noticed.

Of the 3,686 decedents, during twenty years, 2,305 were of American parentage, and 1,381 of foreign.

The proportions would therefore stand as follows:

To every 100 of foreign parentage there were about 174 of American ; or 63 American, and 37 of foreign parentage in each 100 deaths.

The following Table shows the number of decedents from diseases of the heart, in each divisional period of life, in each of the last twenty years :

TABLE LXII.

YEARS.	Under 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 and over.	Not stated.
1865.....	14	4	6	7	22	17	19	9	.....
1866.....	18	8	14	17	10	23	21	4	.....
1867.....	11	11	10	13	22	16	27	4	.....
1868.....	15	5	13	11	14	28	25	5	.....
1869.....	21	4	14	18	20	22	21	7	1
1870.....	19	6	11	13	20	21	23	3	1
1871.....	9	12	10	19	23	36	28	6	1
1872.....	27	12	22	19	31	36	29	13	.....
1873.....	19	11	28	18	25	35	42	9	2
1874.....	20	16	26	21	27	50	40	12	2
1875.....	14	16	25	20	32	29	41	9	.....
1876.....	14	10	15	19	20	38	39	10	1
1877.....	15	11	20	18	27	45	33	13	.....
1878.....	16	8	18	16	26	36	35	11	....
1879.....	19	9	13	25	33	51	36	16	.....
1880.....	15	10	18	23	38	49	49	28	1
1881.....	22	13	26	23	37	49	53	21	.....
1882.....	22	17	24	25	36	51	61	17	2
1883.....	39	13	21	33	52	65	76	26	.....
1884.....	15	25	21	32	45	61	50	32	4
Total.....	374	221	355	400	560	758	748	255	15

The results of twenty years of registration, with record of ages of decedents from diseases of the heart, show in periods of twenty years of life, the following percentages :

Under 20 years of age.....	10.2 per cent.
Between 20 and 40.....	15.6 per cent.
Between 40 and 60.....	26.0 per cent.
Between 60 and 80.....	40.8 per cent.
Over 80.....	7.4 per cent.
	100.0 per cent.

It will be seen that nearly one-half of all the deaths from diseases of the heart were of persons over sixty years of age.

Diseases of the heart have acquired large importance as a cause of death. From 28.8 in every 1,000 deaths from all causes, in 1865, heart diseases have gradually increased to 56 in every 1,000 in 1884.

PNEUMONIA.

There were 363 decedents from pneumonia, in 1884. The number is 37 less than in 1883.

In 1875, however, the proportion to whole number of deaths was 9.3 in every hundred, and in 1884 it was 7.1 in every hundred.

Sex.—Of the 363 decedents from pneumonia, and including congestion of the lungs, 167 were males, and 196 were females; or 92.3 males to each 100 females.

Parentage.—By parentage there were 192 of American and 171 of foreign parentage. The proportions of decedents from pneumonia were 112 of American to each 100 of foreign parentage.

Season.—There were 180, or about one-half, of the deaths that occurred during the first four months of the year. The largest mortality was 50 in April, and 48 in December.

The following Table shows, for each of the last twenty years, the whole number of deaths reported in Rhode Island; the number and the percentage, with the sex and the parentage of the decedents from pneumonia, and the number in each year, in each division of the State:

TABLE LXIII.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	PNEUMONIA.											
		Pneumonia.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1865.....	3,405	175	5.1	80	95	110	65	8	11	21	49	74	12
1866.....	2,970	193	6.5	94	99	127	66	13	17	13	59	81	10
1867.....	2,889	172	5.9	68	104	103	69	8	12	12	56	68	16
1868.....	2,912	191	6.6	99	92	120	71	9	5	16	54	92	15
1869.....	3,382	190	5.6	104	86	110	80	7	10	10	63	88	12
1870.....	3,238	182	5.6	102	80	96	86	6	12	15	55	78	16
1871.....	3,344	218	6.5	104	114	129	89	12	21	11	68	85	21
1872.....	4,247	229	5.4	119	110	125	104	11	1	9	74	120	14
1873.....	4,403	234	5.3	127	107	143	91	11	9	10	65	123	16
1874.....	4,229	250	5.9	118	132	143	107	6	13	7	73	136	15
1875.....	4,317	400	9.3	199	201	243	157	14	27	25	105	198	31
1876.....	4,116	339	8.2	164	175	162	177	13	23	16	97	163	27
1877.....	4,450	226	5.1	104	122	127	99	10	7	14	81	98	16
1878.....	4,441	317	7.1	143	174	176	141	10	11	18	110	140	28
1879.....	4,472	311	7.4	148	163	163	148	7	15	15	103	156	15
1880.....	4,829	364	7.9	180	184	177	187	26	16	18	92	192	20
1881.....	5,016	327	6.5	177	150	190	137	10	23	17	81	174	22
1882.....	5,074	344	7.2	178	166	163	181	10	22	24	91	176	21
1883.....	5,282	400	7.8	192	208	198	202	19	21	34	108	204	14
1884.....	5,141	363	7.1	167	196	192	171	10	13	17	125	172	26
Total, 20 years...	82,157	5,425	6.4	2,667	2,758	2,997	2,428	220	289	322	1,609	2,618	367

Sex.—Of the 5,425 decedents from pneumonia in twenty years, 1865 to 1884, inclusive, 2,667 were males, and 2,758 were females; a proportion of 103.4 females to every 100 males.

Parentage.—In relation to parentage, there were of the 5,425 decedents 2,997 of American and 2,428 of foreign; or 123.4 of American parentage to every 100 of foreign.

TABLE LXIV.

Exhibiting the number of decedents from pneumonia, in each of the several periods of life, during each of the last twenty years, from 1865 to 1884, inclusive.

YEARS.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 and over.	Not stated.
1865.....	65	4	2	....	14	11	15	17	21	21	5	....
1866.....	57	4	4	5	12	10	14	21	25	32	9	....
1867.....	57	9	2	3	10	11	13	16	25	13	12	1
1868.....	70	4	3	3	15	8	16	13	19	27	13	....
1869.....	64	11	1	2	11	12	9	28	25	16	11	....
1870.....	84	6	5	4	6	7	8	14	20	19	8	1
1871.....	71	7	2	7	10	17	16	16	35	17	19	1
1872.....	83	5	1	7	17	20	19	22	24	19	11	1
1873.....	105	4	8	3	10	14	16	17	24	23	10	....
1874.....	76	9	4	6	17	17	25	21	40	27	8	....
1875.....	120	9	3	8	22	30	35	39	61	43	28	2
1876.....	116	5	4	3	20	20	32	35	48	39	17	....
1877.....	79	2	....	7	15	15	24	27	22	24	9	2
1878.....	115	9	4	10	14	17	28	20	42	45	13	....
1879.....	102	8	1	3	14	27	26	35	38	38	9	....
1880.....	95	18	3	16	14	33	37	46	47	43	12	....
1881.....	102	4	2	5	15	22	26	45	48	31	26	1
1882.....	71	3	4	14	22	36	49	33	41	46	21	4
1883.....	88	15	2	13	32	33	40	53	49	46	27	2
1884.....	103	14	5	11	23	34	24	32	53	37	23	4
Totals.....	1,723	150	60	130	313	394	472	550	707	606	301	19

Age.—Of the 5,425 decedents from pneumonia, during the period of twenty years, 1,723, or nearly one-third, were under five years of age. During the period of life of over fifty years of age the number of decedents was 2,164, or about 40 per cent. of the whole number.

The following summary will present the percentages in round numbers :

Under five years of age.....	32 per cent.
Five years and under twenty.....	6 per cent.
Twenty years and under fifty.....	22 per cent.
Fifty years and over.....	40 per cent.

SCARLATINA.

The number of deaths returned as having been caused by scarlatina, in 1884, was 97.

There is no disease that has varied so much from year to year, as a cause of death, in its proportion to whole number of deaths, as scarlatina. The variations have ranged from 14 to 468 in different years.

Sex.—Of the 97 decedents from scarlatina 39 were males, and 58 were females.

Parentage.—There were 41 of American parentage, and 56 of foreign; or a proportion of about 140 of foreign parentage to every 100 of American.

During a period of twenty years there were 1,442 decedents from scarlatina of American parentage, and 1,683 decedents of foreign; or a proportion of 117 of foreign to each 100 of American parentage.

The following Table will present the statistics of scarlatina for each of the last thirty years, from 1855 to 1884, inclusive, the whole number of deaths in the State during that period, the number and percentage and sex of the decedents from scarlatina, and the number from scarlatina in each division of the State. It also shows, from 1865 to 1884, inclusive, the parentage of the decedents from scarlatina:

TABLE LXV.

YEARS.	Whole Number of Deaths.	SCARLATINA.											
		Scarlatina.	Per cent.	SEX.		PARENTAGE.		DIVISIONS OF THE STATE.					
				Males.	Females.	American.	Foreign.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.
1855.....	1,846	71	3.8	41	30	.....	.....	22	.....	1	6	42	.....
1856.....	2,042	208	10.2	109	99	.....	.....	3	1	3	57	144	.....
1857.....	2,325	147	6.3	69	78	.....	.....	.....	20	47	47	32	1
1858.....	2,616	234	8.9	118	116	.....	.....	5	11	75	61	72	10
1859.....	2,270	71	3.1	34	37	.....	.....	5	2	4	14	45	1
1860.....	2,686	64	2.4	31	33	.....	.....	4	3	7	17	17	16
1861.....	2,927	67	1.9	24	33	.....	.....	2	2	7	9	28	9
1862.....	2,591	47	1.8	25	22	.....	.....	3	4	3	19	14	4
1863.....	3,207	91	2.8	40	51	.....	.....	1	.....	23	24	33	10
1864.....	3,360	266	8.0	120	146	.....	.....	1	19	19	80	141	6
1865.....	3,405	255	7.5	130	125	134	121	33	17	3	86	108	8
1866.....	2,970	28	0.9	15	13	12	16	5	.....	8	12	3	.....
1867.....	2,889	14	0.5	6	8	10	4	1	.....	1	2	10	.....
1868.....	2,912	93	3.2	47	46	32	61	2	3	3	34	50	1
1869.....	3,382	286	8.4	126	160	128	158	17	23	12	72	138	34
1870.....	3,238	75	2.3	37	38	28	47	1	6	3	22	35	8
1871.....	3,344	66	1.9	41	25	31	35	1	3	1	37	21	13
1872.....	4,247	53	1.2	22	31	22	31	.....	1	4	27	19	2
1873.....	4,403	287	6.5	124	163	163	124	4	2	42	80	132	27
1874.....	4,329	462	10.9	231	231	176	296	27	17	1	133	268	16
1875.....	4,317	185	4.3	85	100	121	64	8	30	3	35	94	15
1876.....	4,116	80	1.9	34	46	42	38	3	2	7	21	35	12
1877.....	4,450	62	1.4	26	36	29	33	14	4	3	21	12	8
1878.....	4,441	86	1.9	41	45	35	51	3	5	3	14	57	4
1879.....	4,472	311	7.4	164	147	130	181	3	6	4	37	255	6
1880.....	4,820	468	10.0	215	253	216	252	22	30	11	143	243	19
1881.....	5,016	138	3.0	79	59	62	76	11	25	12	41	45	4
1882.....	5,074	45	0.9	24	21	16	29	.....	3	16	7	18	1
1883.....	5,282	34	0.6	17	17	14	20	1	1	5	9	16	2
1884.....	5,141	97	1.8	39	58	41	56	.....	.....	8	28	57	4
Total.....	108027	4,391	4.1	2,114	2,267	*1,442	*1,683	202	230	339	1,185	2,184	231

* Twenty years.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

The following Table presents concisely the percentage of *total mortality* from *specified* causes of death, resulting from twenty-four *prominent* causes, as reported in 1884, in the whole State, and in the several divisions of the State, each division dependent upon its own mortality in the computation of percentage :

TABLE LXV.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Bristol County.	Kent County.	Newport County Towns.	Newport City.	Providence County Towns.	Providence City.	Washington County.	Whole State, 1884.
Accidents (all kinds).....	2.50	6.80	5.20	2.55	3.70	3.39	6.30	3.82
Apoplexy and Paralysis	10.50	5.07	13.42	4.88	6.17	4.72	7.78	5.78
Brain, Diseases of.....	2.00	3.26	.74	1.45	2.63	3.70	1.06	2.97
Bronchitis.....	3.00	.....	1.48	2.19	2.41	2.77	.....	2.29
Cancer.....	1.00	6.52	5.21	4.10	2.34	3.13	1.41	3.13
Cholera Infantum.....	5.00	4.35	1.49	8.74	6.50	6.46	6.72	6.31
Consumption.....	10.50	13.43	7.46	12.04	14.13	15.43	16.28	14.34
Convulsions.....	4.50	4.35	1.49	2.19	2.16	2.92	2.47	2.70
Croup.....	1.00	3.99	.74	1.09	1.67	1.50	.....	1.55
Debility*.....	1.00	1.08	1.49	1.46	1.25	.22	2.47	.87
Diarrhoea.....	5.00	.72	2.98	.73	2.69	1.09	.35	2.20
Diphtheria.....	4.00	.36	3.73	1.46	2.22	2.60	1.41	2.31
Dysentery.....	.....	1.08	.74	1.46	1.09	.40	1.41	.78
Fevers.....	3.50	2.54	3.72	2.55	3.64	2.87	3.18	3.18
Heart, Diseases of.....	3.00	6.17	8.75	5.11	5.07	6.21	4.60	5.63
Hooping Cough.....	2.50	.....	.....	.73	.34	1.26	.70	.83
Hydrocephalus.....	.50	.36	.....	.....	.17	1.61	.35	.81
Kidneys, Diseases of.....	4.00	2.90	2.98	2.91	1.60	2.43	2.81	2.31
Liver, Diseases of.....	2.50	.72	.....	1.46	.06	1.17	.70	.78
Marasmus*.....	2.50	.36	.76	1.82	.28	.22	.....	.43
Old Age.....	8.00	7.26	10.44	9.12	6.09	3.87	9.20	5.68
Pneumonia.....	5.00	4.72	2.23	5.09	7.17	7.72	9.20	7.06
Scarlatina.....	.....	.....	.....	2.92	1.60	2.56	1.41	1.88
Stomach, Diseases of.....	.50	.36	.74	.73	.40	1.10	2.12	.31

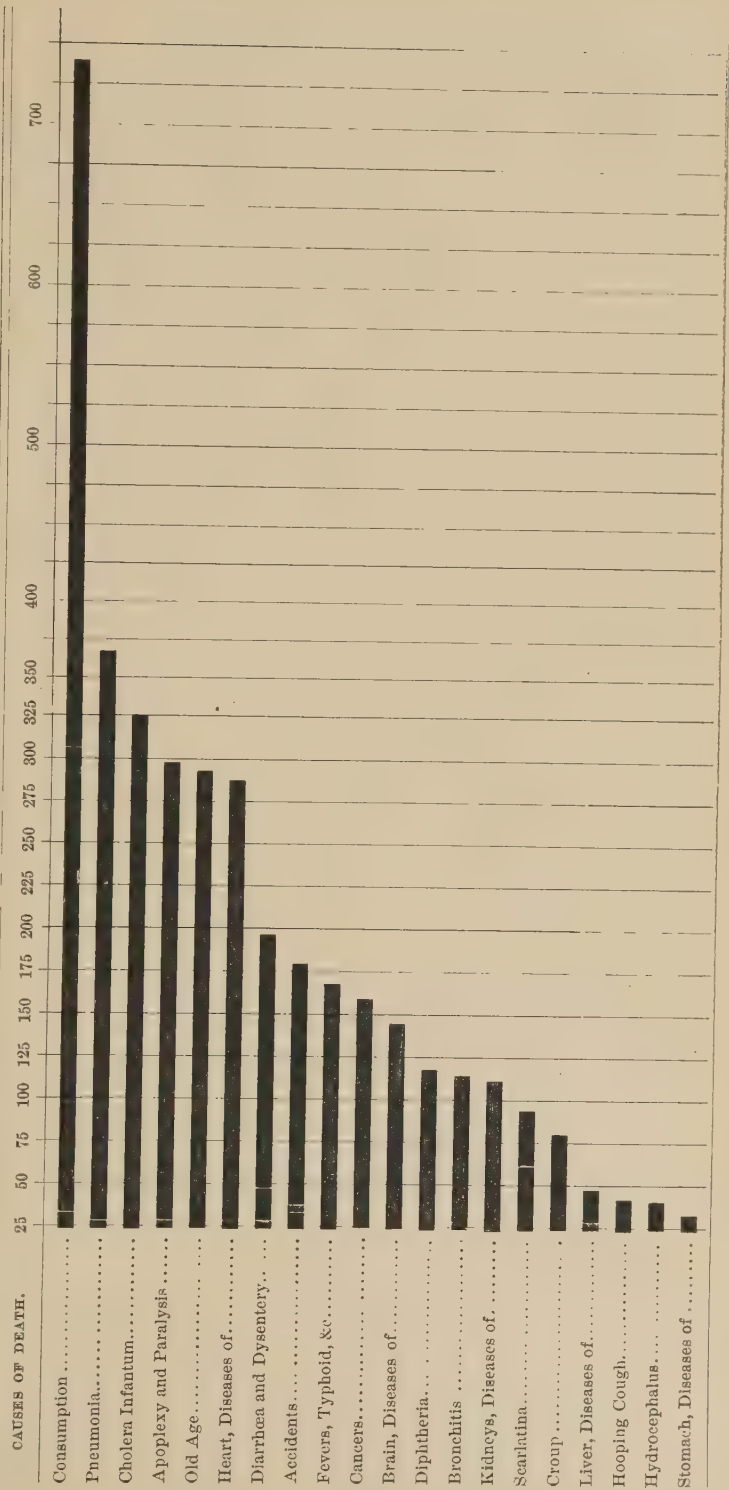
* Not including children under 5 years of age.

The following Table shows the percentages comparatively of several prominent causes of death, in the aggregate of total mortality from specified causes in Rhode Island, during a period of nine years, from 1876 to 1884, inclusive:

TABLE LXVI.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	YEARS.								
	1884.	1883.	1882.	1881.	1880.	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.
Accidents (all kinds)	3.80	2.84	3.44	3.04	3.51	2.43	2.89	3.10	2.94
Apoplexy and Paralysis	5.78	5.39	5.52	5.23	4.67	5.21	4.45	4.25	4.22
Brain, Diseases of	2.97	3.50	3.60	3.84	3.44	3.73	3.28	3.68	3.75
Bronchitis	2.29	2.04	2.08	1.80	1.98	1.47	1.89	1.62	1.46
Cancer	3.03	3.30	2.75	3.11	2.72	2.96	2.82	3.17	2.72
Cholera Infantum	6.31	4.73	6.77	5.15	5.43	3.81	3.97	6.08	6.41
Consumption	14.34	15.01	15.33	15.12	14.02	15.09	15.98	15.52	16.78
Convulsions and Fits	2.70	2.47	2.29	2.18	2.88	2.47	2.65	1.95	2.28
Croup	1.55	1.40	1.60	2.16	1.45	2.28	2.20	2.23	2.61
Debility	2.87	1.14	2.69	2.61	3.09	2.35	1.91	2.65	2.80
Diarrhoea	2.20	2.55	1.87	1.65	1.52	1.26	1.25	2.11	1.87
Diphtheria	2.31	1.88	2.10	4.63	3.40	6.14	10.28	11.56	4.07
Dysentery .....	.78	1.06	1.42	.90	.61	1.04	.95	1.22	1.28
Fevers	3.24	5.12	4.60	3.05	3.37	2.70	3.94	3.55	3.69
Heart, Diseases of	5.60	6.35	5.31	5.68	5.03	4.78	3.92	4.28	4.25
Hooping Cough .....	.83	.17	1.48	1.46	.44	1.03	1.28	.75	1.23
Hydrocephalus .....	.81	.87	1.02	1.20	1.01	1.36	1.65	1.29	1.74
Kidneys, Diseases of	2.52	2.43	1.79	1.69	2.02	1.88	1.89	1.57	1.28
Liver, Diseases of .....	.88	.83	1.21	.82	1.20	1.17	1.06	1.06	1.13
Marasmus	1.62	2.02	1.62	1.11	1.27	1.16	1.30	.99	1.13
Old Age	5.68	5.22	5.89	5.29	5.95	5.22	5.25	5.00	6.18
Pneumonia	7.14	7.84	7.16	7.01	7.90	7.37	7.49	5.31	8.69
Scarlatina	1.88	.64	.94	2.96	9.99	7.37	2.03	1.46	2.05

Diagram III. Exhibiting the comparative mortality by absolute number of decedents, from twenty principal causes of death in Rhode Island, in 1884.



NOMENCLATURE OF DISEASES,

OR

CAUSES OF DEATH.

NAMES OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

It should be stated that the nomenclature of diseases in the nosological arrangement on the following pages is not intended to include the names of the whole list of morbid phenomena affecting the human organism, but the names of such only as are directly the **cause of death**, or such as ordinarily predispose to or set in motion the morbid processes that end in death.

In the construction of the classification now adopted, use has been made of the results and conclusions of a committee of the Royal College of Physicians, of England (who have been engaged for several years in a revision of the British nomenclature of diseases), as far as such conclusions have been ascertained from brief reports in different medical journals, and from such other sources as were accessible, and from examination of the classifications in use in different countries in Europe and America.

It should be said that all these classifications have been and are **essentially alike**, that all have been based designedly on observed facts and most advanced conclusions in relation to pathological processes and morbid conditions, inductive, causative, progressive and ultimate.

The statistical nosology will consist of two lists of causes of death,

A TABULAR LIST AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.

The **TABULAR LIST** comprises the chief or primary causes of death which will be used in Table X on Classification and Percentage in the preparation of the Registrar's Annual reports, and will, therefore, include all those named in the **SUPPLEMENTAL LIST**, when the final arrangement is completed.

The **SUPPLEMENTAL LIST** is subordinate to the **TABULAR LIST**, and contains synonyms, or names of related diseases, which may be actually, or are supposed to be, causes of death, and which are in addition to those in the **TABULAR LIST**, and which are often found in **PHYSICIAN'S certificates of death**, as reported to the State Registrar. These will have a place, in alphabetical order, in Tables VIII and IX in the Reports, and will be variously grouped under different heads in Table X, as the figure which precedes each cause in the **SUPPLEMENTAL LIST** will correspond with the figure of the head in the **TABULAR LIST** under which that cause is placed.

NOMENCLATURE OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

CLASSES.

- I. General Diseases.—A. SPECIFIC AND FEBRILE. (*Zymotic.*)
- II. General Diseases.—B. CACHECTIC. (*Constitutional.*)
- III. Special Diseases. —A. FUNCTIONAL OR ORGANIC. (*Local.*)
- IV. Special Diseases. —B. DEVELOPMENTAL. (*Developmental.*)
- V. Violent Deaths. — FROM INJURIES. (*Violence.*)

SUB GROUPS OR ORDERS.

CLASS I.—Zymotic Diseases.

ORDER ONE, Miasmatic. ORDER TWO, Enthetic. ORDER THREE, Dietic. ORDER FOUR, Parasitic.

CLASS II.—Constitutional Diseases.

ORDER ONE, Diathetic. ORDER TWO, Tubercular.

CLASS III.—Local Diseases.

ORDER ONE, Diseases of the Nervous System. ORDER TWO, Organs of Circulation. ORDER THREE, Organs of Respiration. ORDER FOUR, Organs of Digestion. ORDER FIVE, Urinary Organs. ORDER SIX, Reproductive Organs. ORDER SEVEN, Osseous and Locomotory Organs. ORDER EIGHT, Integumentary System.

CLASS IV.—Developmental Diseases.

ORDER ONE, Of Children. ORDER TWO, Of Women. ORDER THREE, Of Old Age. ORDER FOUR, Of Nutrition.

CLASS V.—Violent Deaths.

ORDER ONE, Accidents and Negligence. ORDER TWO, Homicide. ORDER THREE, Suicide.

STATISTICAL NOSOLOGY.

CLASS I.—Zymotic Diseases.

TABULAR LIST.

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ORDER One.—Miasmatic.

- I. One.—1. Carbuncle
 2. Cholera, Asiatic
 3. Cholera, Sporadic
 4. Cholera Infantum
 5. Cholera Morbus
 6. Croup (Pseudo Membranous)
 7. Diphtheria
 8. Diarrhœa
 9. Dysentery
 10. Erysipelas
 11. Fever, Bilious
 12. Fever, Cerebro Spinal
 13. Fever, Intermittent
 14. Fever, Malarial
 15. Fever, Typhoid
 16. Fever, Typho-Malarial
 17. Fever, Unspecified
 18. Fever, Yellow
 19. Influenza (Epidemic)
 20. Measles
 21. Mumps
 22. Metria (Puerperal Fever)
 23. Pertussis
 24. Tonsillitis
 25. Scarlatina
 26. Small Pox
 27. Varicella

ORDER Two.—Enthetic.

- I. Two.—1. Glanders
 2. Gonorrhea
 3. Hydrophobia
 4. Malignant Pustule
 5. Septicæmia
 6. Syphilis

ORDER Three.—Dietic.

- I. Three.—1. Alcoholism
 2. Delirium Tremens
 3. Inanition
 4. Purpura and Scurvy

ORDER Four.—Parasitic.

- I. Four.—1. Aphæ
 2. Worms
 3. Other Parasites

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.

Synonyms or Related Diseases.

ORDER One.—Miasmatic.

- I. One.—1. Anthrax.
 Gangrenous Boil.
 4. Entero Colitis, { Infan-
 Gastro Enteritis, } tile.
 10. Hospital Gangrene.
 Pyæmia.
 Phagadæna.
 Phlegmon.
 15. Infantile Fever.
 Typhus Fever.
 20. Rotheln.
 21. Parotitis.
 22. Child-bed Fever.
 23. Hooping Cough.
 24. Quinsy.
 25. Scarlet Fever.
 Angina Maligna.
 26. Varioloid.
 27. Chicken Pox.
 Miliaria.

ORDER Two.—Enthetic.

- I. Two.—2. Stricture of the Urethra.
 Gonorrheal Ophthalmia.
 5. Necusis.

ORDER Three.—Dietic.

- I. Three.—1. Intemperance.
 3. Privation.
 Starvation.
 Neglect.

ORDER Four.—Parasitic.

- I. Four.—1. Thrush.
 2. Tape Worm.
 Trichianasis.
 3. Scabies.
 Hydatids.
 Porrigo, Favus, etc.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CLASS II.—Constitutional Diseases.

TABULAR LIST.	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.
ORDER One.—Diathetic.	
II. One. —1. Gout 2. Dropsy 3. Anæmia 4. Cancer, Various 5. Cancer of Breast 6. Cancer of Stomach 7. Cancer of Uterus 8. Noma (Canker) 9. Mortification 10. Rheumatism	II. One —2. Anasarca. 3. Leucocythæmia. Chlorosis. 4. Soft Cancer. Epithelioma. Melanosis. Lupus. Other kinds of Cancer. 9. Bed-sore. Dry Gangrene. 10. Rheumatic Carditis. Rheumatic Synovitis. Rheumatic Meningitis.
ORDER Two.—Tubercular.	
II. Two. —1. Scrofula 2. Tabes Mesenterica 3. Phthisis (Pulmonary) 4. Hydrocephalus 5. Tubercular Meningitis	II. Two. —1. Psoas (Lumbar) Abscess. White Swelling. Cretinism (Goitre). Adenitis. Morbus Coxarius. Pott's Disease. 2. Tubercular Peritonitis. 3. Hæmoptysis.

CLASS III.—Local Diseases.

ORDER One.—Nervous System.	
III. One. —1. Cephalitis 2. Cerebritis 3. Apoplexy 4. Paralysis 5. Insanity 6. Chorea 7. Epilepsy 8. Tetanus 9. Convulsions 10. <i>Brain Diseases*</i>	III. One. —1. Phrenitis. Meningitis. Cerebro Spinal Meningi- tis. (Sporadic.) 5. Monomania. Fright. Grief. Melancholia. Dementia. Rage. 6. Hysteria. 8. Laryngismus. Lockjaw. Trismus Nascentium. 10. Neuralgia, Cerebral. Neurasthenia. Disease of Spinal Cord. Necrencephalus (Ramol- lissement). Thrombosis, Cerebral.
ORDER Two.—Circulatory System.	
III. Two. —1. Pericarditis 2. Aneurism 3. <i>Heart Diseases*</i>	III. Two. —1. Carditis. Endocarditis. 3. Hypertrophia. Atrophia. Angina Pectoris. Syncope. Arteritis. Ossification of Arteries. Phlebitis. Hydropericardium. Embolus. Thrombosis.

* Not otherwise placed.

STATISTICAL NOSOLOGY.

CLASS III.—Local Diseases.—Continued.

TABULAR LIST.

ORDER Three.—Respiratory System.

- III. Three.—1. Epistaxis
 2. Laryngitis
 3. Bronchitis, Acute
 4. Bronchitis, Chronic
 5. Pleurisy
 6. Pneumonia
 7. Asthma
 8. *Lung Diseases**

ORDER Four.—Digestive System.

- III. Four.—1. Gastritis
 2. Enteritis
 3. Peritonitis
 4. Ascites
 5. Ulceration of Intestines
 6. Hernia
 7. Ileus
 8. Intussusception
 9. Stricture of Intestines
 10. Fistula
 11. *Stomach Diseases**
 12. *Pancreas Diseases**
 13. Hepatitis
 14. Jaundice
 15. *Liver Diseases**
 16. *Spleen Diseases**
 17. *Bowel Diseases**

ORDER Five.—Urinary System.

- III. Five.—1. Nephritis
 2. Ischuria
 3. Nephria (Bright's Disease)
 4. Diabetes
 5. Calculus (Gravel, &c.)
 6. Cystitis
 7. Prostate, Disease of
 8. *Kidney Diseases**
 9. Bladder, Diseases of*
 10. Testicles, Disease of

ORDER Six.—Generative System.

FEMALE.

- III. Six.—1. Ovarian Dropsy
 1. *Diseases of Uterus**

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.

- III. Three.—2. Œdema Glottidis.
 5. Empyema.
 Diaphragmitis.
 Pneumothorax.
 Hydrothorax.
 6. Pulmonary Apoplexy.
 Hæmoptysis.†
 Congestion of Lungs.
 7. Grinders' Asthma.
 Miners' Asthma.
 Emphysema.
 III. Four.—1. Glossitis.
 Stomatitis.
 Pharyngitis.
 Œsophagitis. Not
 2. Gastro Enteritis, } In-
 Entero Colitis, } fan-
 5. Perforation of— tile.
 6. Congenital.
 Femoral.
 Inguinal.
 Scrotal.
 Umbilical.
 Ventral.
 7. Constipation.
 Obstipation.
 Perityphlitis.
 Typhlitis.
 9. Strict Œsophagus.
 11. Dyspepsia.
 Pyrosis.
 Gastralgia.
 Hæmatemesis.
 Melena.
 14. Gall-stones.
 15. Cirrhosis.

- III. Five.—3. Albuminuria.
 6. Cystirrhœa.
 8. Diuresis.
 Hæmaturia.
 Uræmia.
 9. Urethritis.
 10. Orchitis.

- III. Six.—1. Ovarian Tumor.
 2. Hysteritis, Metritis.
 Uterine Ulcer.
 Polypus Tumor.
 Ovaritis.
 Pelvic Cellulitis.

* Not otherwise placed.

† See Class II, Order Two—3, Sup. List.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CLASS III.—Local Diseases.—Continued.

TABULAR LIST.	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.
ORDER Seven.—Osseous and Locomotory System.	
III. Seven.—1. Bones, Diseases of . . . 2. <i>Joint Diseases*</i> . . . 3. Vertebræ, Diseases of . . .	III. Seven.—1. Ostitis. Periostitis. Fragilitas Ossium. Mollities Ossium. Rickets. Caries, Necrosis. Exostosis. 2. Synovitis. Hip Disease.† 3. Spine Disease Spine, Caries and Necrosis.
ORDER Eight.—Integumentary System.	
III. Eight.—1. Phlegmon‡ . . . 2. Ulcer . . . 3. <i>Skin Diseases*</i> . . .	III. Eight.—1. Abscess, part not stated. Boil. Whitlow. 3. Roseola. Urticaria. Eczema. Herpes. Pemphigus. Ecthyma. Impetigo. Psoriasis, &c. Dermatitis (from burns, &c.).
ORDER Nine.—Organs of Special Sense.	
EYE AND EAR.	
III. Nine.—1. Malignus Oculi . . . 2. Ophthalmitis . . . 3. Ossis Petrosi . . . 4. Otitis . . .	

CLASS IV.—Developmental Diseases.

ORDER One.—Developmental Diseases of Children.	
IV. One.—1. Still-born . . . 2. Debility, Infantile . . . 3. Debility, Premature Birth . . . 4. Cyanosis . . . 5. Spina Bifida . . . 6. Other Malformations . . . 7. Teething . . . 8. Innutrition . . .	IV. One.—2. Asthenia. 4. Atelectasis Pulmonum. 6. Anus Imperforatus. Cleft Palate. Idiocy. 8. Malnutrition.

* Not otherwise placed. † See Class II, Order Two—1, Sup. ‡ See Class I, Order One—10, Sup.

STATISTICAL NOSOLOGY.

CLASS IV.—Developmental Diseases.—Continued.

TABULAR LIST.	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.
ORDER Two.—Developmental Diseases of Women.	
IV. Two.—1. Paramenia 2. Childbirth*	IV. Two.—1. Amenorrhœa. Chlorosis.† Climateria. Menorrhagia. 2. Miscarriage. Abortion. Puerperal Mania. Puerperal Convulsions. Phlegmasia Dolens. Cæsarian Operation. Extra-uterine Fœtation. Flooding. Retention of Placenta. Presentation of Placenta. Deformed Pelvis. Mammary Abscess.
ORDER Three.—Developmental Diseases of Old People.	
IV. Three.—1. Old Age	
ORDER Four.—Diseases of Nutrition. Adolescent and Adult.	
IV. Four.—1. Atrophy 2. Debility	IV. Four.—1. Marasmus. Malnutrition. 2. Asthenia. Exhaustion.

CLASS V.—Violent Deaths.

ORDER One.—Accident or Negligence	
V. One.—1. Fractures and Contusions . 2. Wounds, Unspecified . 3. Burns and Scalds . 4. Poison . 5. Drowning . 6. Suffocation . 7. Various .	V. One.—1. Railroad and other Accidents. 5. Lost at Sea. 6. Asphyxia. Strangulation. 7. Exposure. Cold Water. Frozen. Heat. Lightning. Surgical Operation.
ORDER Two.—Homicide.	
ORDER Three.—Suicide.	
V. Three.—1. Wounds, Unspecified . Wound, Pistol or Gunshot . Wounds, Knife . 2. Poison . 3. Drowning . 4. Hanging . 5. Otherwise .	V. Two.—1. Infanticide. Patricide. Matricide. Fratricide. Filicide, &c.

* See Class I, Order One—22, Tab. List.

† See Class II, Order One—3, Sup.

Suggestions concerning physicians' certificates of death. It should be the endeavor to specify the causes of death as definitely and correctly as possible. It is not unusual to find a return of death with the physician's certificate, naming the cause of death, "Paralysis," "Paraplegia," "Fits," "Convulsions," "Dropsy," &c., which are merely secondary or consecutive causes, simply symptoms only, or results of some organic lesion or pathological derangement. Sometimes the alleged cause is really the *final cause*, as in a case of termination of life by paralysis, but the cause given as paralysis is **not the determining cause**. Apoplexy, or some lesion of the nervous centres, must be the original and determining cause of paralysis, paraplegia, hemiplegia, &c., and the determining cause should be stated as the primary in the return or certificate.

Convulsions are the symptoms or results of some antecedent or concurrent disease. They follow meningitis and other structural lesions of the nervous centres: they also occur from reflex derangement or disturbance of the nervous centres, as in children, from intestinal irritation, or from inflammation, as in gastritis, enteritis, nephritis, &c. In such cases they may be contributory to death, and perhaps, in rare instances, a final cause, by inducing or taking the form of tonic or tetanic spasm. But as contributory, or as a final cause, they are simply concomitant, and are not unfrequently manifestations of the desperate efforts of expiring vitality to regain original and normal control. They should find place as secondary causes only in certificates of death.

"Fits" is too unmeaning a term to be used in any case. The word in a medical sense literally means an attack, an occurrence, or succession of attacks of some physical or mental disturbance, as "fits of sickness," "fits of melancholy, &c.," and is not properly used as synonymous with convulsions from any cause. It would be just as sensible to attribute a death to an "occurrence" or an "attack" as a cause, as to "fits," without other qualifications.

"Dropsy" and "Ascites" have been allowed to stand as determining causes of death because of extended use, and because of the obscurity with which their causes in rare instances are involved. We can scarcely conceive of a dropsical accumulation without antecedent organic or functional disorder, derangement of the absorbent or secretory system, or depravation of the blood. They are left in the tabular list with not a little reluctance. Paralysis is also left in the tabular list for a like reason, and with the same doubt of propriety.

It may be suggested that it is sometimes difficult, and occasionally impossible, to ascertain positively the chief or leading cause of

death. The physician last in attendance may find several functional or structural diseases, the morbid conditions multiple and complex, and not only the initial derangement, but the succession of morbid processes, proximate, consecutive and ultimate, inextricably entangled and lost to discovery.

The careful diagnostician will, however, even then be able to *conceive the probable leading cause*, but, whether or not, he will be able at least **to ascertain the most prominent and controlling lesion or functional derangement then existing**, and which may reasonably be accepted as the primary cause of death.

The preceding remark applies very properly to cases of adventitious diseases which prove fatal, when occurring in individuals already suffering from some chronic disease of slower progress, as when fatal dysentery attacks a consumptive person, or one having chronic nephritis dies from pneumonia. **The acute disease occurring independently of the chronic disease is the chief cause of death**, although the fatal event may have been made more sure by the existence of the antecedent disease, and although the antecedent disease would have ultimately caused death.

In attributing death to scrofula, tuberculosis, tumor, cancer and other generic terms, as causes, the **organic structure or locality where the disease is developed** should always be given, otherwise such terms are very indefinite, and discredit the acquirements of the certifying physician.

The objects desired in presenting the preceding nomenclature of causes of death, and the suggestions following, are to subserve the purpose of greater uniformity in the use of nosological terms, and to promote the accomplishment of entire definiteness, accuracy, and completeness in the physicians' certificates of causes of death.

The returns of deaths in Rhode Island have been from year to year acquiring greater completeness. The improvement, however, has been **greater in relation to every other fact** connected with the events of death **than with the fact of cause**. This defect in large measure is the result of disregard of the statute law on the part of the individuals having the decedents in charge, before and after death, both medical and mortuary.

The State of Rhode Island has a leading reputation for the completeness of its vital statistics. It is not excelled, if equalled, by any State in the Union. With the exception of two or three, there are no States that have approximate completeness of numbers of decedents, and fullness of statements of fact connected therewith. It is hoped that the physicians of Rhode Island will feel a professional and patriotic interest in the further elevation of the reputation of the State as a collector of accurate and complete vital statistics.

THE LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND

IN RELATION TO

VITAL STATISTICS, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

PUBLIC STATUTES, CHAPTER 85.

OF THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

SECTION 1. The town clerks of the several towns, or any person whom the board of aldermen of any city, or the town council of any town may appoint for that purpose, shall obtain, chronologically record and index, as required by the forms prescribed by section three of this chapter, all information concerning births, marriages and deaths occurring among the inhabitants of their respective towns; and on or before the first Monday in March, annually, shall make duly certified returns thereof to the secretary of the state board of health for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December next preceding, accompanying the same with a list of the persons required by law to make returns to them, who have neglected to do so, and with such remarks relating to the object of this chapter as they may deem important to communicate.

SEC. 2. The secretary of the state board of health shall receive the returns made in pursuance of the preceding section, and annually make a general abstract and report thereof, in form as prescribed by section three of this chapter, and publish not exceeding one thousand copies thereof, and for preparing, tabulating and publishing said annual report the sum of five hundred dollars shall be paid to the state registrar. Said returns, after such report is prepared, shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, who shall cause the same to be arranged, full alphabetical indices of all the names to be made, and the whole to be bound in volumes of convenient size and carefully preserved in his office.

SEC. 3. The blank forms required to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall, on application, be furnished by the secretary of the state board of health, to clergymen, physicians, undertakers, town clerks, clerks of meetings of the

Society of Friends and other persons requiring them, substantially as follows : The record of a birth shall state the date and place of birth, name and sex of the child, whether born alive or still-born, the name and surname, color, occupation, residence and birthplace of the parents, and the time of recording, so far as the same can be ascertained. The record of a marriage shall state the date of the marriage, place, name, residence and official station of the person by whom married, names and surnames of the parties, age, color, occupation and residence of each, condition, that is whether single, widowed or divorced, what marriage, that is whether first, second, third or other marriage, the occupation, birthplace and name of their parents, and the time of recording, so far as the same can be ascertained. The record of deaths shall state the date of death, name and surname of the deceased, the sex, color and condition, whether single or married, age, occupation, place of death, place of birth, names and birthplace of parents, disease or cause of death, and the time of recording, so far as can be ascertained.

SEC. 4. Every meeting of the Society of Friends, clergyman, and all others authorized to join persons in marriage, shall make a faithful record of every such rite performed by them, in manner and form aforesaid, and return the same for the last preceding month, on or before the second Monday of every month, to the town clerk of the town in which such rite shall have been performed ; and no marriage shall be solemnized until the parties shall have signed and delivered to the person about to solemnize it, or to the clerk of a meeting of the Society of Friends, a certificate containing the information required for the record of a marriage, as prescribed by this chapter.

SEC. 5. The town clerk of every town shall annually, in the month of January, collect the information required by this chapter, in relation to all children born in the town during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December next preceding.

SEC. 6. Whenever any person shall die, or any still-born child shall be brought forth in this state, the physician attending at such bringing forth or last sickness, if any physician so attended, shall, within forty-eight hours after such death or bringing forth, leave with the family, if any, or person having the care of the deceased, or the person bringing forth such still-born child, or give to the undertaker or person who conducts the funeral a certificate stating, in case of a death, the name of the deceased, the date of the death, and the disease or cause of the death, and in case of the bringing forth of a still-born child, the date and the cause of such child being brought forth still-born.

SEC. 7. Every town council may appoint a sufficient number of persons to act as undertakers, removable at the pleasure of such council.

SEC. 8. No undertaker or other person shall conduct a funeral, or bury or deposit in a tomb, or remove from this state, or otherwise dispose of the remains of any deceased person or still-born child unless he shall first obtain the physician's certificate required by section six of this chapter, if a physician was in attendance upon such person who has deceased, or the person bringing forth such still-born

child, and shall return the same, together with his own certificate of the information required by section three of this chapter, to the town clerk of the town where such death or bringing forth took place.

SEC. 9. Any town may make ordinances more effectually to attain the objects herein contemplated.

SEC. 10. The town clerks, or persons appointed as aforesaid, shall receive for each record of a death made and returned as required by law, and for each record of a marriage made and returned as required by law, twenty cents, to be paid to them out of their respective town treasuries: *Provided*, that the yearly compensation to be paid out of the town treasury as aforesaid, to any one town clerk or person appointed as aforesaid, who shall perform the duties prescribed by this chapter, shall not be less than five dollars. Undertakers and others making returns of deaths as required by section eight of this chapter, shall receive for each full report of a death made to the town clerk, five cents in the cities of Providence and Newport, and ten cents in the other towns of the state.

SEC. 11. Every clergyman, physician, undertaker, town clerk, clerk of any meeting of the Society of Friends, or other person who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties imposed on or required of him by this chapter, shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, one-half thereof to the use of the town in which the offence shall occur, and one-half thereof to the use of the person who shall complain of the same.

SEC. 12. Every clergyman, physician, coroner, undertaker, or clerk of any meeting of the Society of Friends, shall cause his name and residence to be recorded in the town clerk's office of the town where he resides.

SEC. 13. No letters of administration or letters testamentary shall be granted by any court of probate, upon the estate of any person, until the death of such person, or the facts from which the same is presumed, shall be duly certified, as near as may be, to the town clerk, in order that the same may be duly registered according to the provisions of this chapter.

SEC. 14. The town clerks of the several towns, the city clerk of the city of Newport, and the city registrar of the city of Providence, shall have the custody of all records of births, deaths and marriages of their respective towns, whether made under the statutes now in force or any former statute, and a certificate signed by them, certifying that any written or printed statement of any marriage, birth or death is a true copy of the record in their custody, shall be admitted as evidence of such marriage, birth or death.

SEC. 15. Births, marriages and deaths of non-residents shall be distinguished from those of residents, in the returns, by being arranged separately.

SEC. 16. The secretary of the state board of health may, from time to time, vary the forms of returns, and require such additional information as he may consider necessary to accomplish the object of this chapter.

SEC. 17. The town clerks or other officers appointed under this chapter to collect, record and return the births in the several towns, shall receive fees therefor

as follows : For making record and return of these facts as required by law, twenty cents each for the first fifty entries in each calendar year, and ten cents each for each subsequent entry and return ; to be paid by the town in which the birth is recorded.

SEC. 18. The town clerks of the several towns, or other persons appointed under this chapter to collect the births in the several towns, shall annually in the month of January, collect the facts concerning the births within their respective towns, required by this chapter ; and shall, so far as practicable, at the same time collect the names of all persons liable to be enrolled in the militia, as required by title thirty-four ; and the census of all persons between the ages of five and fifteen years inclusive, as provided by chapter fifty ; and shall receive therefor such compensation as the town council or the board of aldermen of their respective towns or cities shall determine ; *Provided*, that the city of Providence shall be exempt from so much of the provisions of this section as relates to the collection of the statistics of births.

SEC. 19. Blanks for the foregoing purposes shall be furnished, on application therefor, on or before the first day of December in the year preceding, by the state board of health for the collection of births, by the adjutant-general for the taking of the enrolled militia, and by the commissioner of public schools for the census aforesaid.

SEC. 20. The person or persons who shall discharge the duties required by section eighteen of this chapter, if other than the town clerk, shall make full return thereof to the town clerk of his or their town, on or before the tenth day of February next following.

SEC. 21. The returns required to be made by clerks of the supreme court, in relation to divorces, to the secretary of the state board of health, or a prepared abstract thereof, shall be published in the annual report on the births, marriages and deaths in the state.

SYNOPSIS OF THE LAW OF MARRIAGE.

CHAPTER 163, PUBLIC STATUTES.

SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3 show what kindred persons cannot marry, and declare marriages within prohibited degrees null and void.

SECTION 4 makes an exception in favor of Jews, within the degrees of affinity or consanguinity allowed by their religion.

SECTION 5 declares the marriage of persons having a husband or wife living, and of idiots and of lunatics, absolutely void.

SEC. 6. "Any ordained minister or elder of any religious denomination, who shall be *domiciled* in this state, and either justice of the supreme court, may join persons in marriage in any town in the state." (It will be seen that clergymen from other states *cannot* **LAWFULLY solemnize marriages** in Rhode Island.)

SECTION 7 defines what shall be understood by the term "religious denomination," within the meaning of the preceding section.

SEC. 8. Wardens in the town of New Shoreham may join persons in marriage in said town.

SECTION 9 provides that no minister, elder, magistrate or warden shall join persons in marriage, unless such persons, *if residents of this state*, shall first present (to the clergyman or other person officiating) a certificate properly executed and signed by the town or city clerk or city registrar of the town or city in which **EACH of such persons shall RESPECTIVELY reside**, and *if not residents of this state*, then from the town or city clerk or registrar of *the town or city in which the marriage shall be solemnized*, to the effect that the said town or city clerk or registrar has **duly recorded the intention** of marriage between the parties named in the certificate, the said certificate also setting forth the names and surnames of the parties, the age, color, occupation, birthplace and residence of each, whether either or both have been before married, and, if before married, whether the marriage intended is the first, second, third or other marriage, and also whether the condition of either or both persons previously married is that of a divorced person, and the names, occupation and birthplace of each of their parents; and no town or city clerk or city registrar shall issue such certificate to any minor or person under guardianship, unless the consent in writing of the parent or guardian shall have been first obtained thereto, provided, however, such certificate may be issued to a female over eighteen years of age, who has no parent or guardian living in the United States. (The legal minority of both sexes terminates at the age of twenty-one.)

SECTION 10 provides that every Society of Friends, and *every person* authorized to join persons in marriage *shall certify* upon the certificate required in section nine of this chapter *the time when and the place where* the marriage shall have been solemnized by him, and **SHALL on or before the second Monday of every month**, return the certificate of every marriage solemnized by him during the last preceding month, to the *clerk or registrar of the TOWN OR CITY in which such rite shall have been performed*.

SECTION 11 forbids the solemnization of the marriage ceremony, by any person, when lawful objection is made thereto in writing, until such lawful objection be removed.

SECTIONS 12 and 13 provide that any person who shall join persons in marriage without first receiving the certificate required in section nine of this chapter, or otherwise contrary to or in violation of chapter 163 of the Public Statutes, shall be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or fined not exceeding one thousand dollars,

SECTION 14 provides that ALL PERSONS married without duly proceeding as required by chapter 163, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 15. The solemnization of marriage shall be in the presence of two witnesses at least, besides the minister, elder or magistrate officiating.

SECTION 16 relates to marriages among Quakers or Friends, and among Jews, making them valid if in accordance with the forms, rites and ceremonies of the same respectively.

SECTION 17 provides that at least one of the parties to any marriage solemnized according to the manner and form of the Society of Friends, or rites and ceremonies of the Jewish religion shall, before the celebration thereof, sign and deliver to the town or city clerk or city registrar of the town or city in which such marriage is solemnized, the certificate required in section nine.

CHAPTER 167.

OF DIVORCE.

SECTION 1. Divorces from the bond of marriage shall be decreed in case of any marriage originally void or voidable by law, and in case either party is for crime deemed to be or treated as if civilly dead, or, from absence or other circumstances, may be presumed to be naturally dead.

SEC. 2. Divorces shall be decreed for impotency, adultery, extreme cruelty, wilful desertion for five years of either of the parties, or for such desertion for a shorter period of time in the discretion of the court, for continued drunkenness, for neglect or refusal on the part of the husband, being of sufficient ability, to provide necessaries for the subsistence of his wife; and for any other gross misbehavior and wickedness in either of the parties, repugnant to and in violation of the marriage covenant.

SEC. 3. Whenever it shall appear that the absence, adultery, cruelty, desertion or other cause of complaint, as aforesaid, was committed or occasioned by the collusion of the parties, and done and contrived with an intention to procure a divorce, in such case no divorce shall be decreed.

SEC. 4. Whenever a divorce shall be had for the causes of affinity, consanguinity, impotency, idiocy, lunacy, or crime of either of the parties, the wife shall have restored to her all her lands, tenements and hereditaments; and a judgment may be passed for a restoration to her of all or such part of the personal estate specifically, or the value thereof, which has come to the husband's hands by virtue of the marriage, as the court from the circumstances of the case shall deem equitable.

SEC. 5. Whenever the divorce shall be occasioned by adultery, or other of the causes aforesaid, done or committed on the part of the wife, the husband shall

hold the personal estate not secured to her by law, forever, and her real estate not secured to her by law, during his natural life, in case they have had issue born alive of her body during the marriage, otherwise during her natural life only, if he shall survive her.

SEC. 6. The court may, in such case, allow the wife for her subsistence so much of her real and personal estate as they shall deem necessary or proper.

SEC. 7. Whenever a divorce is granted for adultery, or crime on the part of the husband, the wife shall be entitled to dower in the same manner as if he were dead, unless the court shall decree alimony, chargeable upon the estate of the husband, instead of such dower.

SEC. 8. Whenever a divorce shall be had for adultery, or for any of the causes aforesaid, done or committed on the part of the husband, the wife shall continue to hold all her property, real and personal, secured to her by law, free from any right in or control over her disposition of the same, either during her life or at her death; and, if there be no issue living, shall be restored to all other her lands, tenements and hereditaments, if any there be.

SEC. 9. In such case the wife shall also be allowed out of the real or personal estate of the husband, or out of both, such alimony as the court shall think reasonable, not exceeding the use of one moiety of his real estate, during the life of the wife, and the property of one-half of his personal estate, having regard to the personal property which came to the husband by the marriage, and his ability.

SEC. 10. If there be issue living at the time of the divorce, the court, with regard to ordering restoration to the wife of such of her lands, tenements or hereditaments, if any, as may not be secured to her by law, and in regard to the amount of alimony to be allowed to her out of the property of the husband, may do as they shall judge the circumstances of the case may require.

SEC. 11. Divorces from bed, board, and future cohabitation, until the parties be reconciled, may be granted for any of the causes for which by law a divorce from the bond of marriage may be decreed, and for such other causes as may seem to require the same.

SEC. 12. In case of such divorce, the court may assign to the petitioner a separate maintenance out of the estate or property of the husband or wife, as the case may be, in such manner, and of such amount, as they may think necessary or proper.

SEC. 13. Every petition shall be signed by the petitioner, if of sound mind and of legal age to consent to marriage, otherwise upon application to the court, and after notice to the party in whose name the petition shall be filed, the court may allow such petition to be signed by a guardian or next friend.

SEC. 14. All jurisdiction over divorce, alimony, separate maintenance, or the custody, education, and support of the children of persons divorced or petitioning for a divorce, is vested in the supreme court.

SEC. 15. Said court shall have no cognizance of or jurisdiction over any peti-

tion for the same, or either of the same, unless the petitioner shall, at the time of preferring such petition, be a domiciled inhabitant of this state, and have resided therein for the period of one year, next before the preferring of such petition.

SEC. 16. All such petitions shall be filed, heard, and tried in the county in which the petitioner shall reside.

SEC. 17. The said court may, by general rule or otherwise, prescribe the notice to be given, within or without the state, on such petitions, and may issue such process as may be necessary to carry into effect all powers conferred upon them in relation to the same.

SECTIONS 18, 19 and 20 contain provisions in relation to citations to adverse party residing without the state, or in parts unknown.

SEC. 21. Whenever any citation, issued under the provisions of this chapter, shall be served by a disinterested person, such person shall return the same, having made oath thereon of the place where, the time when, and the manner in which he shall have made service of the said citations.

SECTION 22 provides for giving and ensuring proper and sufficient notice to the adverse party.

SEC. 23. The said court is empowered to regulate the custody, and provide for the education, maintenance and support of the children of all persons by them divorced or petitioning for a divorce, and of all persons to whom a separate maintenance may be granted, or who may petition for the same; to make such allowance to the wife, out of the estate of her husband, for the purpose of enabling her to prosecute or defend against any such petition for divorce or separate maintenance, in case she has no property of her own available for such purpose, as they may think reasonable and proper; and to make all necessary orders and decrees concerning the same, and the same at any time to alter, amend and annul for sufficient cause, after notice to the parties interested therein.

SEC. 24. The said court may authorize a married woman to whom a divorce from the bond of marriage is decreed to change her name, with the same rights and liabilities as if her name had not been changed.

SEC. 25. After the filing and during the pendency of any petition under this chapter, the supreme court may, as in equity, make such interlocutory decrees, or grant such temporary injunctions as may be necessary, until a hearing can be had before the court.

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SECTION 5. The clerks of the supreme court in the several counties shall make returns to the secretary of the state board of health, on or before the first day of

March, in each and every year, for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December preceding, of all the applications for divorce, showing the number, the number granted, and the causes which are given for the application, but without the names of the parties, in accordance with the blanks which shall be furnished them by the secretary of the state board of health.

